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# PM: LABOUR WILL RUN RIOT WITH YOUR MONEY

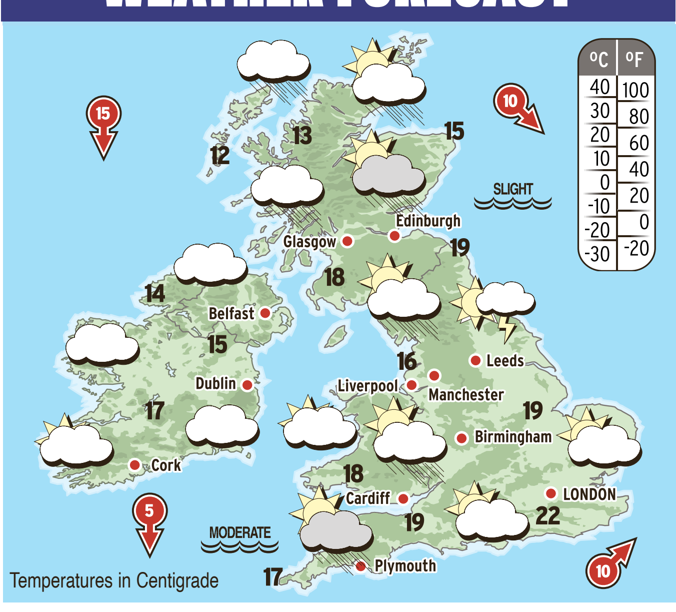
**EXCLUSIVE** By Sam Lister

RISHI Sunak is warning voters that Labour will "run riot with your money" after the party refused to rule out council tax hikes and a host of other rises.

He said Sir Keir Starmer's pledges

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# WEATHER FORECAST



Temperatures in Centigrade

## Today's summary: Sunny spells and showers

**North West:** Early showers will die out to leave it mostly dry with some sun. Moderate westerly winds. High 17C (63F).

**Northern Ireland:** A dry day is expected, but with dull and grey skies. Moderate north-westerly winds. High 15C (59F).

**Wales:** Bright but showery, some heavy with hail and thunder later. Gentle westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

**Midlands:** Bright but showery, some heavy with hail and thunder later. Gentle westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

**North East/Yorks:** Mostly bright and dry but the small chance of a shower developing. Gentle westerly winds. High 18C (64F).

**Scotland:** Sunny spells and showers. Longer spells of rain in the north. Gentle north-westerly winds. High 19C (66F).

**East Anglia:** Mostly bright but the chance of a shower developing. Gentle south-westerly winds. High 20C (68F).

**London/South East:** A bright and dry day with good spells of sunshine. Gentle south-westerly winds. High 22C (72F).

**South:** Dry and fine with sunny spells and variable amounts of cloud cover. Light winds. High 20C (68F).

**South West:** Bright and dry during the day with patchy cloud and spells of sunshine. Light winds. High 19C (66F).

**Channel Isles:** Hazy sunshine, although there is the chance of a shower later. Gentle north-easterly winds. High 18C (64F).

**Sea:** North Sea: Slight. Irish Sea: Moderate. Channel: Moderate.

**UK OUTLOOK TOMORROW:** Spells of rain in the far north. Bright elsewhere but showers will develop during the day, mostly across Scotland and northern England.

## SIX-DAY FORECAST
Temperatures in Centigrade

| | TUE min | TUE max | WED min | WED max | THU min | THU max | FRI min | FRI max | SAT min | SAT max | SUN min | SUN max |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| London | 12 | 22 | 12 | 22 | 12 | 21 | 13 | 21 | 14 | 21 | 13 | 22 |
| Belfast | 7 | 14 | 11 | 18 | 12 | 18 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 19 |
| Birmingham | 10 | 19 | 10 | 20 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 20 | 12 | 20 |
| Cardiff | 10 | 20 | 11 | 21 | 12 | 21 | 12 | 19 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 20 |
| Glasgow | 8 | 17 | 11 | 16 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 17 | 12 | 18 |
| Manchester | 10 | 17 | 9 | 19 | 11 | 19 | 12 | 18 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 19 |
| Newcastle | 9 | 15 | 10 | 19 | 11 | 20 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 19 | 12 | 19 |
| Norwich | 10 | 19 | 10 | 19 | 12 | 19 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 20 | 12 | 21 |
| Plymouth | 11 | 20 | 12 | 21 | 12 | 20 | 13 | 19 | 13 | 18 | 12 | 20 |

## Britain yesterday

| 24 hours to 5pm | SUN (hrs) | RAIN (ins) | TEMP (min) | TEMP (max) |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Aberdeen | 0.2 | 0.39 | 11 | 13 |
| Aberporth | 12.2 | 0.00 | 8 | 14 |
| Alnwick | 3.5 | 0.20 | 7 | 17 |
| Belfast | 5.0 | 0.06 | 8 | 15 |
| Birmingham | 4.2 | 0.02 | 9 | 19 |
| B'mouth | 9.2 | 0.00 | 12 | 19 |
| Bristol | 10.2 | 0.08 | 11 | 17 |
| Cardiff | 12.8 | 0.00 | 12 | 16 |
| Durham | 3.0 | 0.02 | 8 | 19 |
| Edinburgh | 0.8 | 0.16 | 9 | 15 |
| Glasgow | 0.3 | 0.09 | 8 | 15 |
| Hull | 7.9 | 0.00 | 7 | 18 |
| Ipswich | 6.5 | 0.04 | 10 | 19 |
| Leeds | 6.8 | 0.08 | 7 | 18 |
| Lincoln | 5.2 | 0.05 | 10 | 18 |
| London | 6.2 | 0.01 | 11 | 21 |
| Manchester | 5.7 | 0.00 | 7 | 18 |
| Oxford | 7.4 | 0.02 | 10 | 19 |
| S'hampton | 6.0 | 0.02 | 12 | 19 |
| St Andrews | 0.3 | 0.25 | 11 | 14 |

### Moon, sun and tides

**MOON** rises: 4.40pm, sets: 1.55am
**SUN** rises London: 4.42am, sets: 9.20pm
**Manchester** rises: 4.39am, sets: 9.40pm

**Full Moon** 22 June

**HIGH TIDE**

| | |
|---|---|
| London B'ge | (10.53am), (11.23pm) |
| Liverpool | (8.18am), (8.52pm) |
| Greenock | (9.06am), (10.18pm) |
| Dover | (8.27am), (8.41pm) |

**Britain Extremes:** (24 hours to 2pm yesterday)
**Warmest:** Sutton 22C (72F)
**Coldest:** Redesdale 3C (37F)
**Wettest:** Elphin 1.10in.
**Sunniest:** Valley 13.6hr.

### Lighting-up times

| | |
|---|---|
| Belfast | 10.02pm-4.46am |
| Birmingham | 9.33pm-4.44am |
| Bristol | 9.30pm-4.52am |
| Glasgow | 10.05pm-4.30am |
| London | 9.20pm-4.42am |
| Manchester | 9.40pm-4.39am |
| Newcastle | 9.48pm-4.26am |

## Europe forecast

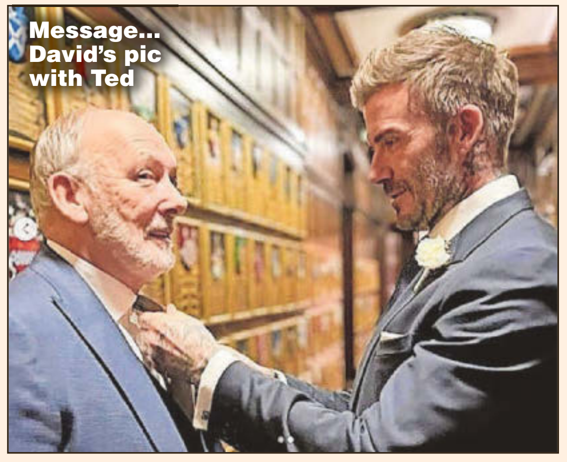
| Today | | | Tomorrow | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | Fair | 20C/68F | Amsterdam | Rain | 20C/68F |
| Brussels | Rain | 20C/68F | Brussels | Thunder | 19C/66F |
| Dublin | Cloudy | 18C/64F | Dublin | Cloudy | 17C/63F |
| Frankfurt | Thunder | 22C/72F | Frankfurt | Rain | 26C/79F |
| Geneva | Rain | 26C/79F | Geneva | Sunny | 30C/86F |
| Lisbon | Cloudy | 22C/72F | Lisbon | Showers | 22C/72F |
| Madrid | Sunny | 31C/88F | Madrid | Fair | 29C/84F |
| Paris | Thunder | 22C/72F | Paris | Thunder | 22C/72F |
| Rome | Sunny | 28C/82F | Rome | Sunny | 29C/84F |

## Around the world yesterday

| | | C | F |
|---|---|---|---|
| Amsterdam | Thndr | 17 | 63 |
| Athens | Sunny | 32 | 90 |
| Barcelona | Sunny | 23 | 73 |
| Berlin | Fair | 24 | 75 |
| Budapest | Fair | 24 | 75 |
| Cairo | Sunny | 35 | 95 |
| Cape Town | Sunny | 21 | 70 |
| Casablanca | Sunny | 22 | 72 |
| Corfu | Sunny | 27 | 81 |
| Dublin | Fair | 17 | 63 |
| Dubrovnik | Sunny | 24 | 75 |
| Faro | Sunny | 25 | 77 |
| Florence | Fair | 26 | 79 |
| Gibraltar | Sunny | 25 | 77 |
| Guernsey | Cloudy | 17 | 63 |
| Hong Kong | Cloudy | 29 | 84 |
| Istanbul | Sunny | 29 | 84 |
| Jersey | Fair | 17 | 63 |
| Larnaca | Sunny | 32 | 90 |
| Las Palmas | Fair | 22 | 72 |
| Los Angeles | Sunny | 21 | 70 |
| Luxor | Sunny | 42 | 108 |
| Malaga | Sunny | 29 | 84 |
| Mallorca | Fair | 26 | 79 |
| Malta | Sunny | 27 | 81 |
| Melbourne | Fair | 13 | 55 |
| Miami | Cloudy | 30 | 86 |
| Moscow | Fair | 24 | 75 |
| Nairobi | Fair | 23 | 73 |
| New Delhi | Sunny | 42 | 108 |
| New York | Sunny | 24 | 75 |
| Nice | Sunny | 23 | 73 |
| Nicosia | Sunny | 36 | 97 |
| Perth | Shwrs | 18 | 64 |
| Prague | Fair | 22 | 72 |
| Singapore | Cloudy | 30 | 86 |
| Stockholm | Fair | 19 | 66 |
| Sydney | Sunny | 15 | 59 |
| Tel Aviv | Sunny | 33 | 91 |
| Tenerife | Sunny | 24 | 75 |
| Toronto | Sunny | 20 | 68 |
| Tunis | Fair | 30 | 86 |
| Venice | Sunny | 24 | 75 |
| Vienna | Fair | 22 | 72 |
| Warsaw | Fair | 26 | 79 |



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Message... David's pic with Ted

# Becks' pride in kids and father Ted

By **Andy Russell**

DAVID Beckham marked Father's Day by saying the "biggest achievement" in his life are his children.

The former England captain, 49, shares four children – three sons Brooklyn, 25, Romeo, 21, and Cruz, 19, and daughter Harper, 12 – with wife Victoria.

David also paid tribute to his dad Ted, as he wrote on Instagram: "My biggest achievement in life are my children, thank you @victoriabeckham for giving me these incredible people to love Always remember how much Dad loves you all xxxx."

And he added: "Happy Father's Day Dad have an amazing day x love you @tedbeckhamdavid x."

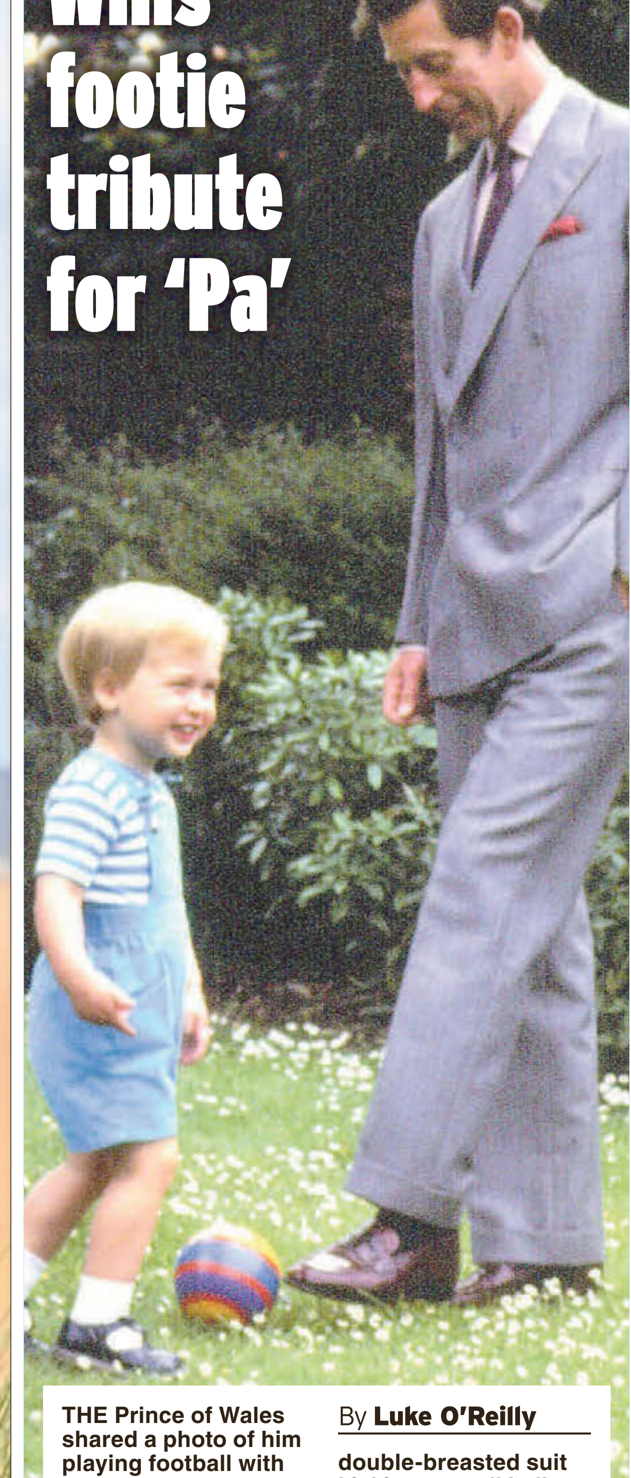
Ex-Spice Girl Victoria, now a fashion designer, wrote on her page, "you are our everything".

Meanwhile, fellow fashion designer Stella McCartney, daughter of Beatle Sir Paul McCartney and his late wife Linda, also took to social media to say "each year I am blessed to have you as my father" while sharing videos and images of her and him. She added: "It gets harder to put into words how much you mean to me, dad. I hold you so close to my heart."


'Incredible people'... Harper, Brooklyn, Romeo and Cruz. Left, Sir Paul and Stella

Sir Paul posted a message on Instagram saying: "I am proud to be a dad on Father's Day and wish all the other dads in the world a great one – Paul." Olly Murs apologised to baby girl Madison, saying: "Sorry I've been on tour and at the Euros watching England's first game."

# Wills' footie tribute for 'Pa'



By **Luke O'Reilly**

**THE Prince of Wales shared a photo of him playing football with the King to wish him a happy Father's Day.**

**The photo of William and Charles in the gardens of Kensington Palace was taken on June 12, 1984.**

**The Prince, 41, said in his touching social media post: "Happy Father's Day, Pa."**

**The photo shows an almost two-year-old William in short dungarees and a striped blue top and the King in a grey double-breasted suit kicking a small ball.**

**Later that year William would gain a younger brother, with Harry born in the September.**

**Sadly, the once-close brothers are estranged. The Duke of Sussex, 39, wrote in his memoir Spare that his relationship with William is "a rolling catastrophe" and claimed his sibling had once physically attacked him.**

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# 'We love you, Papa...'

## Poignant photo message for Prince from children

Touching... the Father's Day photo and message

By **Giles Sheldrick**
Chief Reporter

PRINCE William's children marked Father's Day yesterday by sharing a tender public expression of their love for him.

Alongside a family photo on Instagram, they wrote: "We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day." It included an emoji of two hearts and the children's initials "G, C & L".

The picture shows William, 41, with his arms around Prince George, 10, Princess Charlotte, 9, and Prince Louis, 6, as they stand on a beach staring out to sea.

The relaxed scene – in which William wears a baseball cap and a hoodie – was captured on the Norfolk coast near their Anmer Hall home during an Easter break.

It marked a rare moment of serenity in a tumultuous year for the family. The Princess of Wales, 42, has undergone months of chemotherapy after a cancer diagnosis, leaving her husband to juggle work and family commitments.

Meanwhile his father, King Charles, also continues to receive treatment for the disease.

On Saturday Kate made her first public appearance this year, joining her family and the King and Queen on the balcony at Buckingham Palace to watch the Trooping the Colour flypast, *above*.

Charles and Camilla also marked Father's Day yesterday with private moments of remembrance for their departed dads Prince Philip and Major Bruce Shand.

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princeandprincessofwales We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day 💕 G, C & L

The Princess of Wales, 2024

# PM ATTACK OVER

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are a "con" following an admission that its manifesto is not the "sum total" of its spending plans.

The Prime Minister insisted that Labour's refusal to crack down on the bloated welfare bill also means it is inevitable they will put up taxes to fund spending plans.

The Conservatives additionally warned that Sir Keir's energy policy will leave the UK with at least a £4.5billion budget black hole in lost tax revenues.

He is committed to ending new licensing for oil and gas in the North Sea, which the Tories say will deter investment and risk up to 200,000 jobs – something Labour denies.

The Prime Minister told the Express: "Labour has admitted their manifesto is nothing more than a con.

"At this election, Keir Starmer is asking for you and your family to sign a blank cheque, and we all know what he wants to do with it: Put up your taxes so he can run riot with your money.

"They won't admit it but the only way Labour can pay for their £38.5billion spending black hole is by hitting working families with a £2,094 tax bill.

"Labour will tax your job, your car and your family home.

"They will even drag pensioners into a retirement tax for the first time in history. You name it, Labour will tax it, because raising taxes is in their DNA.

"We are the only party who will take the bold action needed to cut tax while Labour's tax-trap manifesto will cost families. So if you think Labour will win, start saving."

## Guarantee

Under the "family home tax guarantee", the Tories have ruled out increasing the number of council tax bands or undertaking an expensive council tax revaluation as Labour is doing in Wales.

But Shadow Health Secretary Wes Streeting refused to match the promise. Pressed on the BBC's Sunday With Laura Kuenssberg programme, he said: "We don't want to see the tax burden on working people increase.

"None of those pledges in our manifesto requires increases in council tax or increases in fuel duty or any of the other number of taxes the Tories are claiming we want to increase."

Mr Streeting also dismissed analysis by the independent health think tank Nuffield Trust that Labour would squeeze NHS spending. He insisted the assumption it was making was that the manifesto was the "grand sum total" of any future budgets and any future spending reviews.

He said: "That is just wrong. That is not the way election campaigns work." But Transport Secretary Mark Harper said Mr Streeting had "let the cat out the bag" that Labour would raise taxes.

The Conservatives have put benefit reforms at the heart of their election campaign with forecasts showing the bill will soar by £20billion during five years.

But Mr Sunak said Labour is ruling out making any cuts to the welfare bill, signalling the party would hike taxes to cover their £38billion spending commitments over the next four years. The PM said: "The very clear difference in savings between us and the Labour party is, I think you can make savings from constraining the growth in the welfare bill, the Labour party do not think that you can save a penny in the welfare bill. PIP (Personal Independence Payment) alone is forecast to go up by 50% in the next few years, the welfare bill has already gone up by, I think, two-thirds.

"We now spend more on working-age welfare for people with ill health or disability conditions than we do on schooling, transport, policing – I could go on.

"And we have seen a massive increase since the pandemic. Now, there are a very sensible set of reforms that you can make to support people into work because I think that work is good for them."

Sir Keir, who has ruled out raising income tax, national insurance, or VAT, has promised a huge benefits shake-up to get millions of people back to work, including reforming Universal Credit.

Labour has also said it would work with local authorities to get more disabled and sick people back into employment.

The Tories are promising to slash welfare by £12billion a year by the end of the next parliament through getting people back to work. Energy Secretary Claire Coutinho, who made the claim about Sir Keir's £4.5billion energy black hole, said: "Labour's energy policy will be a triple whammy – jobs lost, higher taxes and investment destroyed.

"One thing we know is that it risks turning out the lights and hiking taxes to pay for it."

## Desperate

A Labour spokesman said: "This is yet more desperate nonsense from a Conservative Party that has lied throughout this campaign.

"Labour will bring in a proper windfall tax on the oil and gas companies making record profits, and raise billions more in tax revenue which we would use to invest in homegrown clean energy."

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Spending fears...Tories have challenged the tax plans of Sir Keir and deputy Angela Rayner

# 'Keir Starmer is asking you and your family for a blank cheque'



Cat out of the bag... Wes Streeting on the Laura Kuenssberg programme

Tax hikes... Rishi Sunak claims Labour manifesto 'is a con'





The bounce effect...Sir Ed on a trampoline in Dorking. Inset, Lee Castleton

# Davey told to end the election 'buffoonery'

By **Katie Harris**

A FORMER subpostmaster has hit out at the "buffoonery" of Sir Ed Davey's stunt-filled General Election campaign.

Lee Castleton, who lost his livelihood in the Post Office Horizon scandal, said trust would not be rebuilt by "swinging around on ropes or paddleboarding in Cumbria".

The Lib Dem leader has come under fire for not doing more to help wrongly convicted subpostmasters between 2010 and 2012 when he was postal affairs minister in the Coalition government. Mr Castleton told the BBC's Sunday Morning With Laura Kuenssberg: "I don't particularly like the buffoonery, I find it very Boris-esque and I don't think there's any need for it. It's really important we trust him and trust is never going to be built by swinging around on ropes or paddleboarding in Cumbria. Trust is about engaging with people."

Sir Ed, who has apologised for failing to see through Post Office "lies", said: "We're taking voters' concerns seriously. When I was going down that slide, we were talking about mental health."

# Kemi 'intimidation' claims

By **Sam Lister**

KEMI Badenoch has warned the "intimidation and abuse" of Rosie Duffield by her Labour colleagues shows the party's true colours.

Ms Duffield, who is running for re-election in Canterbury, was called "frit or lazy" by Labour peer Lord Cashman after she called off local hustings over security fears.

Equalities Minister Ms Badenoch said it showed how the party "manages internal disagreement".

She added: "Instead of healthy debate, it's intimidation and abuse. If this is what they do to their own, imagine what they will do to our country."

Ex-EastEnders actor Lord Cashman later issued an apology without naming Ms Duffield, who previously had to pull out of a 2021 Labour conference after threats to her security for backing a tweet saying only women have a cervix.

## 'VOTING FOR REFORM WILL LEAVE BRITAIN AT THE MERCY OF A LABOUR DICTATORSHIP,' WARNS JENRICK

By **Katie Harris** Political Reporter

ROBERT Jenrick has warned that a vote for Nigel Farage's party would lead to a Labour "elective dictatorship".

Mr Jenrick, who resigned last year over Rishi Sunak's Rwanda Bill, pointed to failings in immigration policy, the high tax burden, a "soft" criminal justice system and "inefficient" public services as reasons for traditional Tories deserting the party.

He said: "Starmer's policy could soon be: if you come here illegally from a safe country like France, you can kick back and stay. A Labour Party with an elective dictatorship will be equally unrestrained on raising taxes. Labour can't rule out raising fuel duty, council tax, capital gains tax or even road pricing."

The former Cabinet minister said he understands how Conservative voters switching to Reform UK feel. But he warned that backing the insurgent party risks wiping the Tories out as a "meaningful force" in Parliament and handing Labour a majority large enough to "change our country for a generation".

Mr Jenrick, 42, a potential leadership contender, said: "Some voters feel so angry with the Tories that a Labour landslide is a price they are willing to pay.

"Again, I sympathise with their frustrations and know that we must meet the public's expectations. That is the task I have dedicated myself to since resigning. Anyone who has spent time on the doorstep knows there are millions of commonsense Conservatives still weighing up how to vote in this election.

"I am convinced they do not want our country run by Labour unopposed. And this is why voting Reform cannot be the answer. It can only bring about a Government that increases taxes and immigration. Their success can only weaken the Conservative movement.

"The Right cannot unify after the General Election if there is no meaningful force in Parliament to coalesce around."

It comes as analysis by Survation showed the Tories are on course to win just 72 seats in a fresh blow to the Prime Minister.

Reform UK leader Nigel Farage will today launch his party's manifesto – which it is describing as a contract – in South Wales where he is expected to take aim at Labour.

Mr Farage said: "One of the reasons we are launching our contract with the people of Britain in Wales is because it shows everyone exactly what happens to a country when Labour is in charge.

"Schools are worse than in England, NHS waiting lists are longer than in England, Covid restrictions were even tighter and now Welsh motorists are being soaked by literally hundreds of speed cameras to enforce the deeply unpopular new 20mph blanket speed limit in towns and villages.

"Since devolution, the Welsh have been ignored by the London political establishment and let down by the Labour administration they elected."

Fears...Robert Jenrick

FRUSTRATION OVER ACCESS TO

# 'Stop fobbing us off, and NHS,' over-50s

COMMENT

DENNIS REED

Director, Silver Voices

SILVER Voices has been campaigning since the end of the pandemic for better access to GPs, and this is still a burning issue at local level.

The research conducted by Age UK mirrors the results of our big survey on the subject last year.

In some areas it is still almost impossible to see a GP. If you can find your way through the bureaucratic barriers to make an appointment, you will probably find that the appointment is not with a doctor at all, more likely a nurse or a pharmacist.

And you may have a named GP in the practice, but you may never see them.

The days of continuity of care and a family doctor who understands the medical history of your family have all but disappeared.

For older people in particular, because we often have multiple conditions, it is essential that an initial face-to-face appointment takes place,

**In some areas it's still almost impossible to see a GP**

so that a holistic diagnosis can be carried out by a qualified doctor.

Then, if the symptoms can be treated by another member of the practice staff, all the better.

Silver Voices has also been campaigning hard to arrest the trend towards online-only appointment systems, and we have made some progress.

Under our pressure, NHS England has agreed a new GP contract which requires GP practices to give parity to three different ways of making appointments – telephone, online and walk-in.

Unfortunately, some practices are still making it abundantly clear that they prefer online access only. We will keep pushing on this aspect.

None of the political parties has so far convinced us that they have policies to improve face-to-face access to GPs.

We will continue to argue for a legal right for all UK patients to have a timely face-to-face appointment with a GP.

By **Hanna Geissler**
Health Editor

WHOEVER wins the General Election must urgently fix the crisis in older people's access to NHS and social care services, a report warns.

Vulnerable people seeking crucial support feel "fobbed off" with long ambulance waits, cancelled surgeries, battles for GP appointments and plummeting confidence in the health system, the analysis found.

One pensioner said: "All of this leaves me feeling that now I'm 76 years old it's time I popped off and stopped bothering an over stressed, overworked, underpaid NHS."

Two-thirds of older people worry the NHS is unable to cope with soaring demand, found a survey of 2,600 over-50s commissioned by Age UK, which produced the report.

Less than half (48%) were confident any medical problem would be dealt with, and eight in 10 said the Government should be doing more to support the NHS and social care.

One respondent said: "Everyone I know has exactly the same experiences and feeling of despair at the state of our dear old NHS now."

Problems accessing GP services were cited by 49%. Issues included difficulty making contact by phone or using online systems, and not being able to see a doctor in person.

## Deprived

One patient said: "I have a screenshot of my 445 attempts to contact my GP surgery appointment line during one morning.

"Finally got through to be told they no longer provide the service I was trying to make an appointment for. No alternative given."

Another said: "I feel that I have been written off as I'm over 60 and cost the practice too much money."

Women, people from deprived backgrounds and those living with long-term conditions were among those worst affected.

Some 19% were concerned about access to a home care worker or carer, and the same proportion worried about accessing dementia services.

Age UK warned the problems were hitting patients at a time in their life when they are most reliant on healthcare services to remain independent.

Delays often mean ailments that could have been easily treated get worse, or patients give up on seeking care entirely, the report said.

Separate data from last year's NHS GP Patient Survey showed 45% did not find it easy to get through to their GP by phone, while a third had trouble finding information online. Some 23% could not book an appointment for the day or time they wanted and 8% could not get one soon enough.

**80%** believe Government should be doing more to help NHS and social care

Royal College of GPs chair Prof Kamila Hawthorne said: "The unfortunate truth is we simply don't have enough GPs for the number of patients in need of care. The average number of patients per fully qualified GP is now 2,294, meaning each GP is, on average, responsible for 154 more patients than five years ago. All political parties need to be prioritising real investment in general practice to fix this crisis."

Age UK chief Caroline Abrahams said: "For some older people, healthcare delayed means healthcare denied because they do not have time on their side. Our analysis highlights just how many are being subjected to distress and, in some cases, enduring pain because of their difficulties in accessing the GP services that they need."

She said many GPs were "working their socks off to try to meet a level of need that is greater than it was before the pandemic". She added: "It is also clear our older population is less well than before Covid-19, with many older people living with a number of serious long-term health problems. That's why Age UK is calling for more investment in GP

Plea...Caroline Abrahams of Age UK

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Let down... lack of after-care means medics' efforts are wasted, says David

## 'The doctors do their best..then you go home with no support'

By **Hanna Geissler**

**PENSIONER David, 90, tries to be philosophical and is quick to praise the efforts of doctors and nurses, but he epitomises the struggles the elderly have accessing NHS services.**

**He is currently waiting to see a hospital specialist for a hearing issue but says referrals made by his GP have been rejected.**

**David said: "I'm like the piggy in the middle, being put back and put back. I'll try in the morning to get through to the hospital to make another booking."**

**A fall from a disabled transport bus last week left him bruised from head to toe.**

**He waited two-and-a-half hours for an ambulance, then spent 18 hours in A&E having tests and X-rays before being sent home.**

**David said a nurse told him the episode would cost the NHS £1,800. He was not surprised by the cost and said he believes that medics must be given more resources to meet demand.**

**Of politicians, he added: "What they don't seem to realise – and all of the main parties are guilty of this – is that the medical, nursing and support staff are the greatest asset any nation can have.**

**"When the doctors say, 'please, this needs doing', they have got to act without hesitation, not argue about the cost.**

**"We have to have a national care service, with national care standards. Then the NHS will start to operate efficiently and effectively."**

## Difficult

**David, who lives in sheltered accommodation in Bedfordshire, said the social care crisis must also be tackled. He added: "Doctors do all they can to get you well.**

**"Then when you get home, all the good that has been done, 95% of it is wiped clean because there is no support there at all."**

**Scoring his confidence in the NHS at around 40%, David said: "I know they're in a difficult situation through no fault of their own.**

**"The staff are doing all they can with their hands virtually tied behind their backs."**

# fix social care warn leaders

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Struggle... many elderly patients are finding it hard to access NHS services

practices, primary care and community services from our incoming government, to begin to turn the curve.

"Coupled with a re-energised social care system, and a local focus on supporting older people to stay well, this would make a big difference to the quality of their lives, as well as helping hospitals to function more effectively into the bargain."

The charity is urging the next government to ensure GP and community services offer more support for long-term conditions and frailty, take action to clear waiting lists, and ensure local health bodies implement Ageing Well Strategies.

A national campaign is also needed to encourage older people to stay physically active as a preventative measure, the report adds.

## Concern

Silver Voices boss Dennis Reed, says GP access is still a "burning concern" for many older people.

A Conservative Party spokesman said: "We are committed to ensuring those who need care receive it – which is why we have opened 160 community diagnostic centres to bring care closer to home and are committed to delivering 50 more.

"We're also expanding Pharmacy First so people can get the service they need without having to have a GP appointment. Only Rishi Sunak and the Conservatives have a clear plan to continue to drive down waiting times and bring care closer to home for patients."

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*Hope…Rishi Sunak, left, and Sir Keir Starmer contemplate a new law*

# PM and Starmer open to assisted dying law move

By **Martyn Brown**
Deputy Political Editor

RISHI Sunak has indicated he would back changing the law on assisted dying if MPs vote to do so.

The Prime Minister said he is "not opposed" to new legislation, as long as there are "effective" safeguards in place.

It is the furthest Mr Sunak has gone on the matter. The Daily Express Give Us Our Last Rights crusade is crusading for assisted dying to be legalised.

Both the Tories and Labour have made key promises on the subject in their manifestos.

The Conservatives have stated that assisted dying is "a matter of conscience" and the party "will respect the will of Parliament".

Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer has said he would hold a free vote on the issue, opening the door to the law being changed before the end of the decade.

Speaking to reporters at the G7 summit in Puglia, Italy, last week, the Prime Minister said: "We will support what Parliament does, these matters are always an issue of conscience.

"Of course if Parliament wants to decide they want to facilitate it."

He added: "I'm not opposed to it, in principle, and it's a question of making sure the safeguards are in place and are effective."

His remarks were welcomed by campaigners, including terminally ill TV legend Dame Esther Rantzen.

She told the Daily Express: "It is really good news that both Rishi Sunak and Sir Keir Starmer have now promised to allow time for this crucial debate, whoever wins the election.

"I hope the next prime minister arranges for this to happen as soon as possible in the new Parliament for the sake of everyone who, like me, has a terminal diagnosis.

"We need to be given the confidence that when our time comes, our families will be left with good memories of our peaceful, pain-free death.

"And it makes it even more vital that when our MPs are elected we must write to them straight away, stressing how crucial this issue is, and giving our reasons, to help them come to the right decision.

"It's our life, it should be our choice."

Our crusade, which has shared the poignant stories of people suffering from terminal illnesses who want to end their life with dignity, has helped to push the issue up the political agenda.

**'This is a watershed election for dying people'**

Sarah Wootton, chief executive of Dignity in Dying, said: "It's clear that assisted dying is high on the political agenda and this debate is on the table no matter who leads our next Government.

"It is hugely significant that both the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition have promised they would make time for a proper debate and vote on assisted dying, and that neither are opposed to reform."

She added: "This is a watershed General Election for dying people, many of whom will be casting their final vote and will give it to candidates who are on the side of compassionate choice.

"This is a cross-party issue that unites the vast majority of us, in every corner of the country, no matter who we vote for."


Shirtless...Ray Winstone

## It's naked ambition as proud Ray flies flag

By **Giles Sheldrick**

HOLLYWOOD hard man Ray Winstone nails, or rather hammers, his colours to the mast as he flies the flag for England.

The Sexy Beast star, 67, who is a devoted West Ham United supporter, posted a shirtless snap on Instagram from his holiday home in Spain where he was watching.

The patriotic actor told his fans he had "just taken down my West Ham flag for the summer and raised the cross of St George – the flag of England for the Euros" before exclaiming: "Come on England!"

The dad of three, a claret and blue season ticket holder at the London Stadium, has appeared in a host of cult films including Scum, Nil by Mouth, and 2000 hit Sexy Beast in which he appears in tiny trunks.


Road trip...Olly Murs

Yesterday, wearing just a pair of blue shorts and trainers, he posted a series of pictures in which he proudly hoists the red and white standard before tuning in.

Meanwhile, singer Olly Murs and best mate Mark Wright, The Only Way Is Essex star, hit the road for seven hours to drive 400 miles from London to Gelsenkirchen to watch England's match at Arena AufSchalke.

Sporting replica England shirts for the road trip, new dad Olly, 40, left the driving to his pal, 37, who once played for semi-professional side Crawley Town.

# Fans' relief after

By **Giles Sheldrick**
Chief Reporter

JUDE Bellingham gave the country – and hospitality industry – something to shout about as England kicked off their Euro 2024 campaign with a solid, but nervy, win.

Roared on by 30,000 raucous Three Lions fans in Germany, and millions more glued to the box in pubs, bars, fan zones, and living rooms back home, the Real Madrid star sealed a 1-0 victory against Serbia with a first-half header.

It got the footballing summer party started in style.

The 20-year-old is a "generational talent", cooed an England fan at Wembley Boxpark.

Drinks flew through the air as supporters celebrated the triumph.

Daniel Dunne, 32, of Colchester, Essex, said: "He is a generational talent. He got the goal.

"He has to start, it doesn't matter where we play him."

On what turned out to be a glorious weekend, football supporters across the nation were in fine voice long before last night's 8pm kick-off.

### Plucky

Fan parks across the country – from Bristol to Brighton, Newcastle to Nottingham and Penzance to Peterborough – were turning people away as good-natured revellers soaked up some long-awaited sunshine – and beer.

And they did not have to wait long for something to cheer, with the Birmingham-born superstar Bellingham heading home with a flying header after 13 minutes of the match in Gelsenkirchen.

It proved to be enough against a robust, physical Serbia side.

As England sailed to the top of their group, many of the fans were in for the long haul and celebrations continued into the night.

Basking in a welcome blast of summer, pubs were toasting a double win yesterday, with tables already sold out for Father's Day lunches. Then football fans hit the venues for the big match.

The month-long tournament is a much-needed shot in the arm for the battered hospitality sector which is eyeing a summer to remember and banking on England reaching the latter knockout stages.



Game on...supporters in stadium, above, and at Gelsenkirchen fan park, left and inset. Below, Kirby Estate

Tens of millions transfixed by the action unfolding in Germany will be watching at their local pub if they choose, with favourable game times set to further boost takings.

Research by industry analyst GlobalData Retail suggests the Euros could provide a £613.7million injection, while retailers enjoy a £2.1billion payday from sales of TVs, barbecue items and sportswear.

Thirsty football fans are expected to splurge at least £2.75billion on beer and food during the tournament, which finishes on July 14.

The British Beer & Pubs Association is expecting an extra 20 million pints to be sold across the duration of what is the first major summer men's tournament since the pandemic without social distancing restrictions. The estimated 300 million pints served will bring in an extra £94million for venues.

Almost half of those watching the action are expected to head to their local – a 115% increase on the 2022 World Cup, held in Qatar before Christmas, which was the last big international men's tournament.


Bloodied...injured supporter

## Riot police break up bar brawl

By **Zak Garner-Purkis**

**CLASHES broke out between England and Serbia fans in Germany ahead of the teams' opening match of the Euros.**

**Riot police clashed with supporters outside a bar in Gelsenkirchen as the violence boiled over.**

**Officers moved in after trouble erupted outside a restaurant just after 3.30pm. It is thought Albanian fans may have launched the initial attack against arch-rivals Serbia, with some England fans getting caught up in the violence.**

**Tables, chairs and bottles appeared to have been hurled between two groups of supporters. It was not immediately clear what sparked the disorder but one man – believed to be English – was seen being led away with blood streaming down his face.**

**Witnesses reported a "masked" group suddenly bursting around a corner and throwing bottles.**

**A fan, who asked not to be named, said the attackers covered their faces and knew what bar to target. He said: "They came around the corner fully balaclavered up. I was wearing England attire and a bottle was thrown at me and they tried to attack me. Me and my friend ran**


Floored...fan on ground as police step in

SERBIA IN EUROS OPENER

# Three Lions win

Yes!...saluting Bellingham goal in Greenwich

Hopes that Gareth Southgate's men can reach the final have led experts to forecast an additional £172million will be spent on hospitality compared to the last major contest.

One joyous publican said: "It has been a stressful few years in hospitality with job uncertainty, venues experiencing times when they have been very busy and times when they have been very quiet, relentless transport strikes, increasing cancellations, no-shows, and decreasing bookings. Finally, we can raise a glass. Let's hope this is the start of a glorious summer."

England will play Denmark next on Thursday before they take on Slovenia a week tomorrow, June 25, in their final Group C clash.

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Fans united...good spirits in build-up to curtain raiser

## TV REVIEW



MIKE WARD
TV Editor

THERE was optimism from the very start of BBC One's coverage of England v Serbia.

"You got this, lads!" cried Dan. "Let's go all the way!"

Sadly, no-one gives two hoots for Dan's opinions. Dan is BBC One's continuity announcer. He'd been equally excited introducing Countryfile an hour earlier. Dan's just a very excitable chap.

No, the people I wanted to hear from were Micah Richards, Rio Ferdinand and Cesc Fabregas – the trio of pundits selected for England's opening game.

Them, plus you know who. Yes, for once I was keen to hear host Gary Lineker's thoughts. Obviously, the man talks utter poppycock much of the time, but he's fine when he sticks to talking football.

In fact, with England heading into yet another tournament as one of the favourites, I found myself very much on his wavelength. I guess it must be an age thing. The gist of his message? It's the hope that kills you. Come on, he's not wrong, is he?

### Crushed

"Only one team in these Euros has the most prolific striker in Europe, a Champions League-winning 20-year-old, another £100million midfielder and three Manchester City title winners," Lineker observed. "What could possibly go wrong…?"

This was followed by a montage of misery, a collection of clips dating back to the wretched World Cup let-down of Mexico 1970, reminding us how consistently England's hopes have been crushed. As a fan whose memory stretches back that far, it felt as though I was watching my whole life flash before me.

Lineker also reminded us that, Euros-wise, England had underachieved quite remarkably over the years. "No team has played as many matches in this tournament without winning it," he pointed out.

It was nice to know we could still break records.

And then, the pre-match preamble complete, it was over to Gelsenkirchen. Time for Southgate's men to prove us pessimists wrong.

His team, considered the fourth best on the planet right now, were about to take on the side ranked 33rd.

"Try to enjoy it," Lineker pleaded. "We've built them up," he added, although I'm not entirely certain he had, "let's hope we don't have to knock them down."

# 'sparked by Albanians'

away as quick as we could." His friend added: "They weren't English."

Earlier, German officers shot and wounded a man who was threatening them with an axe and a firebomb in the northern city of Hamburg – hours before it hosted Poland's clash against the Netherlands.

Officers opened fire after the man refused to put the weapons down, hitting him in the leg.

German media published images of a person lying in the street surrounded by paramedics and police. The incident happened in the central St Pauli area of the northern port city, which was thronged with fans ahead of the match. A police spokesman said there was no initial indication that the incident was related to the football game.

The man was admitted to hospital with his injuries, the spokesman said. No one else was hurt.

German authorities have put police on high alert during the tournament, which began on Friday and runs until July 14, for fear of possible fan violence and terrorist attacks.

On Friday, police shot an Afghan man dead after he fatally attacked a compatriot and injured three people watching the hosts' 5-1 win over Scotland in eastern Germany.



Violence erupts... chairs thrown by the rival sets of thugs

Pictures: DAVINDER KAUR/SWNS


Search...Aleksanders

# Police call for help to find death crash man

By **Helen William**

POLICE have named a 21-year-old man they want to find after a 12-year-old boy was killed in a hit-and-run.

Dolars Aleksanders is wanted on suspicion of causing death by dangerous driving, West Midlands Police said.

The appeal comes after Keaton Slater was struck by a black BMW in Coventry, on Friday just after 4.30pm. He was pronounced dead at the scene.

Coventry Police said in a post on X: "Have you seen Dolars Aleksanders?

"The 21-year-old is wanted on suspicion of death by dangerous driving after a 12-year-old boy died."

Sgt Rich Evans, said: "We'd appeal for those involved to search their consciences and tell us what you know."

Keaton's family said: "We'll miss our fun-loving comedian, he just wanted to make everyone laugh and smile. He was so beautiful inside and outside, our baby and little brother. Life can be so horrible."

# Jobcentre staff strike

By **Alan Jones**

JOBCENTRE security guards will launch a week of industrial action today over a pay dispute.

Members of the Public and Commercial Services union and the GMB will go on strike.

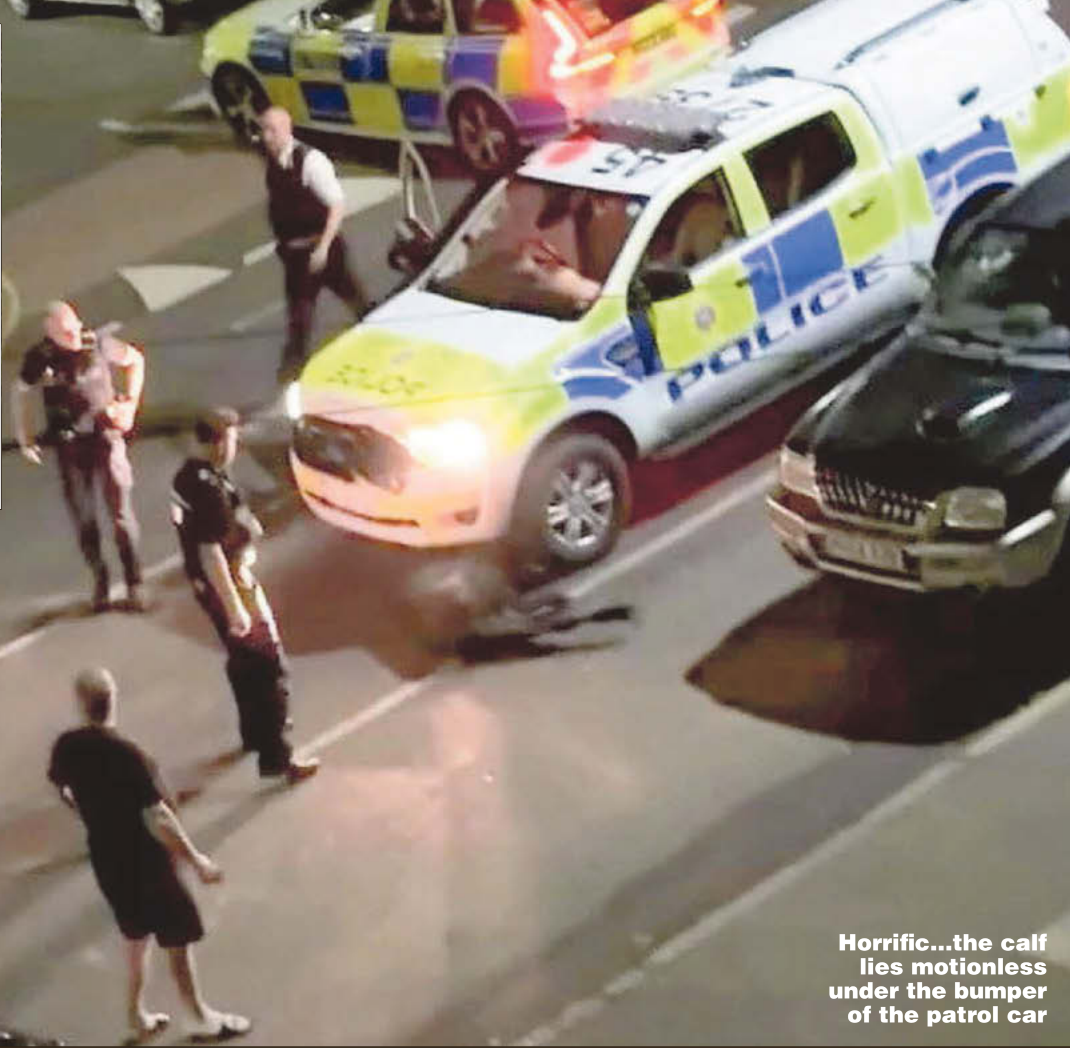
They are employed by G4S to provide security at 600 jobcentres.

Fran Heathcote, PCS general secretary, said: "It's high time G4S gave our members a pay rise. The company turns over billions of pounds a year so could easily afford it."

A G4S spokesperson said: "We urge the GMB to present our offer to our employees, which is both above minimum wage and inflation."




Clash...a police car drives at the loose calf in Staines on Friday



Horrific...the calf lies motionless under the bumper of the patrol car

# Officer who rammed calf twice 'removed from frontline duties'

By **Stephen Beech**

DISTURBING online images of a patrol car being driven at a runaway calf has led to action being taken against the police driver.

The vehicle was filmed twice ramming the terrified animal after she was reported loose on a residential road.

The footage of the incident at Staines-upon-Thames in Surrey on Friday evening triggered fury when it went viral online.

Deputy Chief Constable Nev Kemp said yesterday: "I appreciate the distress our handling of this incident has caused and will ensure that it is thoroughly and diligently investigated."

He said referrals have been made to the force's internal Professional Standards Department and the Independent Office for Police Conduct.

DCC Kemp added: "The officer driving the police car has been removed from frontline duties pending the outcome of investigations.

"The cow is back with her owner and recuperating. She did sustain a large cut to one leg and cuts and grazes. She continues to be monitored by a vet."

He went on to explain that before the incident "efforts were made to contact local vets without success and to identify the owner". DCC Kemp added: "As well as our overriding duty to protect the public, the welfare of animals is important to us."

He gave assurances the Home Office had been briefed after Home Secretary James Cleverly had called for an "urgent explanation".

## Sprawling

Surrey Police Chief Inspector Sam Adcock had earlier said: "The decision to use the police car is one that was only taken after other methods to stop the cow had failed."

Footage showed the 10-month-old calf being sent sprawling along the road by the first strike from the patrol car. It struggled to its feet but stayed down after being rammed a second time, apparently pinned beneath the front bumper of the vehicle.

Onlookers were heard gasping in shock. The partner of the farmer who owns the breeding heifer, called Beau Lucy and weighing around 440lbs, said the officer who rammed the animal "should lose his job".

She claimed the calf could still die of shock. The woman, named only as Kate, called the footage "horrific" and said: "It looked like they tried to kill it. I just thought it was disgusting." Kate insisted the calf "wasn't that out of control, just spooked".

She revealed Beau Lucy had been put out on well-fenced Staines Moor to graze but believes she may have escaped by swimming across a river.

BBC presenter Chris Packham wrote: "It's surely illegal. What sort of monster rams a calf? Twice?"

Animal welfare campaigner Dominic Dyer said: "It's one of the worst cases of animal cruelty I've ever seen."

The RSPCA described the footage as "distressing" and said the police action appeared "disproportionate".

# Unsolved gun crime is down to issue of 'trust'

By **Paul Jeeves**

**NEARLY half of shootings investigated by our biggest police force go unsolved.**

**The proportion of gun cases in London that end with an offender facing prosecution has hit 52%, the highest rate in 11 years, but it still leaves 48% unsolved.**

**The Metropolitan Police believes this is due in part to fear preventing witnesses coming forward or sharing vital evidence and the fact some victims want to get revenge themselves rather than cooperate with officers.**

**Commander Paul Brogden said: "It comes down to trust. We need the communities to trust us with evidence, trust us with handling Ring doorbell footage, CCTV access.**

**"People are worried, people are frightened, victims are frightened and often are reluctant to come forward.**

**"We encourage them to trust us, we will keep them safe."**

**Commander Brogden added that detectives have "long memories" and will investigate for years.**

**Detective Superintendent Victoria Sullivan, a specialist crime officer based in South East London, said: "Often the victim does not want to divulge to police – and that might be because they're seeking retribution themselves.**

**"So potentially today's victim could be tomorrow's suspect. And that's why it's really important that we act really, really quickly."**

**Around half of shootings in London are believed to be linked to gang crime. The Met says the number of incidents where a gun is fired is at its lowest for 15 years, having dropped from 196 to 145 since March 2023.**

**Firearm killings have also fallen for the past three years – from 12 in 2021/22 to eight in 2023/24.**

**Nearly half of the 386 weapons seized in London last year were converted blank firearms.**

*Pledge to victims... Met Commander Paul Brogden*





Top spot...star Sheeran

# Ed is most played for third year running

By **Stephen Beech**

ED Sheeran was the most-played artist in 2023, for the third year in a row – and the seventh time overall.

The Shape Of You singer, 33, beat US superstar Taylor Swift to the top spot in the PPL list of acts played across the UK on radio and TV and in public places.

Swift 34, who is currently touring Britain, was in second place after jumping from number 10 to match her previous high in 2015.

In terms of individual tracks, Flowers by Miley Cyrus was the most played song of 2023, pipping Sheeran's Eyes Closed to the title.

Seven of the Top 10 acts are British, including Coldplay which is the only group on the list dominated by solo stars.

PPL licenses use of recorded music on radio, TV and in places such as shops, offices, bars, restaurants, gyms and warehouses in the UK.

PPL's Peter Leathem said the charts "provide a snapshot of some of the most popular music being played publicly in the UK".

He added: "As the global music market gets more competitive, it is fantastic to see seven out of the top 10 most played acts are British.

"The charts highlight the important role broadcasters and businesses play in supporting our home-grown talent."



## MOST PLAYED ACTS OF 2023

1. Ed Sheeran
2. Taylor Swift
3. Dua Lipa
4. Calvin Harris
5. David Guetta
6. Elton John
7. Coldplay
8. Tom Grennan
9. Harry Styles
10. Madonna

*Source: PPL*







Lucky...Gordon before the crash and his shredded cycling shirt



# Ramsay: I've been to Hell over bike accident

By **Helen Barnett**

**GORDON Ramsay shows off an ugly purple bruise and says he is lucky to be alive after a serious cycle accident.**

**The TV chef, 57, also stressed the importance of wearing a helmet.**

**He was in Connecticut, US, when the accident left him needing the attention of a trauma team.**

**The Hell's Kitchen star escaped without broken bones or major injuries but was left shaken and in a lot of pain, with garish bruising covering the left of his lower torso.**

**Gordon, who has completed several Ironman triathlons, described himself as looking like "a purple potato". Ahead of Father's Day, he addressed his message to "all the dads out there", telling his social media followers: "I had a really bad accident, it really shook me and honestly I'm lucky to be here.**

**"You've got to wear a helmet. I don't care how short the journey is, I don't care that these helmets cost money, they're crucial. Even with kids doing a short journey they've got to wear a helmet.**

**"I'm lucky to be standing here. I'm in pain, it's been a brutal week."**

# 'Stories about me not Strictly true'

## I will clear my name, says Giovanni

By **Piers Mucklejohn**

GIOVANNI Pernice has dismissed claims about his teaching methods as "simply false" after it emerged that he will not be taking part in Strictly Come Dancing this year.

The Italian has been part of the BBC One celebrity dancing show since 2015 when he reached the final with Coronation Street actress Georgia May Foote.

### False

But the 33-year-old was not included in the line-up of professional dancers announced by the BBC for the forthcoming series. It confirmed earlier reports that he would not be competing this year.

On Instagram, Giovanni said he was "co-operating fully" with an ongoing BBC investigation and was looking forward to "clearing my name and establishing the truth".

He wrote: "To my fans and followers... Every week, there are totally untrue stories about me in the media.

"As you know, I have always rejected any suggestion of abusive or threatening behaviour.

"The latest accusations are simply false. I am co-operating fully with the ongoing BBC investigation, which will determine the truth.

"As requested, I have stayed silent, but I am looking forward to the conclusion of the investigation and ultimately clearing my name and establishing the truth.

"I am so happy to be back on tour. Thank you all for your continued support – your messages and love mean so very much to me.

"I will hopefully see many of you very soon and I look forward to clearing my name...

With love,

Giovanni."

The star is on tour with fellow professional dancer Anton Du Beke, with whom he has also hosted a travel show.

To my fans and followers,

Every week, there are totally untrue stories about me in the media.

As you know, I have always rejected any suggestion of abusive or threatening behaviour. The latest accusations are simply false.

Message to fans...Giovanni Pernice, left, and his new post on Instagram

The pair formed a close friendship while starring on Strictly Come Dancing together

In 2021, Giovanni lifted the Strictly glitterball trophy alongside EastEnders actress Rose Ayling-Ellis, who was the first deaf contestant.

The Sun, which was the first to report suggestions that an investigation was under way, had claimed Giovanni had quit the show.

A legal firm acting on behalf of complainants said the BBC was "evidence-gathering", but the broadcaster has not confirmed whether any investigation has begun.

Giovanni had previously denied allegations in a statement last month.





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## PM right to warn of the dangers Labour poses

It's easy to hurl criticism at an incumbent government while in opposition. And, it must be said, the Tory government has not always helped itself in the past 14 years – but a brutal reality awaits if the polls are correct and Labour storms to power with a big majority.

With less than three weeks to go before the election, we need to wake up and heed the warnings delivered to the Express yesterday by Rishi Sunak.

It won't take long for Sir Keir Starmer and his would-be chancellor Rachel Reeves to spend our money however they see fit, with little regard for those who have paid their taxes and saved for a rainy day.

"Labour will tax your job, your car and your family home," the Prime Minister said. "They will even drag pensioners into a retirement tax for the first time in history."

Wes Streeting, the shadow health secretary, had the chance yesterday to rule out allowing local authorities to increase council tax bills – and of course he failed to do so.

All he came up with was a wishy-washy line about how "we don't want the tax burden on working people to increase".

Which is like saying how nice it would be if the rest of the summer turns out to be sunny.

As it is, dark clouds are gathering over Britain. Labour's promises are utterly hollow and the Prime Minister is right to remind us of that right up until polling day.

## Elderly must be priority

Every politician worth his or her salt should read and digest the latest Age UK report. How shameful to hear a 76-year-old saying how she sometimes feels like "popping off" because of the strains put upon the NHS and the lack of social care.

In a survey of 2,600 people, less than half are confident that a medical problem would be dealt with properly.

Getting an appointment at a local surgery has become increasingly difficult; online systems are impossibly complicated and the crisis in our care homes continues.

We need to face these challenges head-on. Looking after the frail and elderly must be a top of priority of any incoming government.

## William is model father

The Princess of Wales has shown great bravery as she goes through her cancer treatment.

But, as she has made clear, her husband has offered nothing but solid and loving support. "We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day" was the message from his three children, as Kate released a new photograph of William, George, Charlotte and Louis.

We just hope that like millions of other dads, he was allowed to put his feet up last night and watch the football!

# Brave Charles and Kate show off the best of Britain



Picture: THOMAS KRYCH/ZUMA PRESS WIRE/REX/SHUTTERSTOCK

CHARMING: the Princess of Wales's smile lit up Trooping the Colour on Saturday



Leo McKinstry
Daily Express columnist

THE timeless appeal of the monarchy has woven its magic once more. At a moment of potentially enormous political change, the House of Windsor has just given us an impressive display of unity that stirred the nation.

Trooping the Colour is always a key landmark in the Royal calendar. It is the kind of evocative occasion at which Britain still excels, mixing the prestige of the Crown with precision of the military.

But this year, the event was given extra emotional power by the uplifting presence of the King and the Princess of Wales, both of whom have been through the ordeal of coping with cancer in recent months.

Indeed Catherine's condition has been so serious that she has not been able to appear in public for 173 days.

But that made her attendance alongside her beloved father-in-law on Saturday all the more special, as was shown by the huge crowds that gathered in the Mall to greet her and her family despite the weather.

That outpouring of affection shows why the monarchy still works, even though it might seem an anachronism in our age of democracy.

Through the richness of its heritage, it is the ultimate symbol of our nationhood, bringing our citizens together in a way no other public institution can.

At most Trooping the Colour ceremonies, the soldiers, bands, and cavalry are centre-stage. But this year it was different.

The two undoubted stars were the King and the Princess, whose stoicism and frankness in adversity has sent their popularity soaring to new heights.

Since his accession to the throne in September 2022, Charles III has proved ideally suited to the role.

Along with wisdom, experience in public life and a wide range of interests, he brings a ferocious work ethic to his position, fuelled by a sense of duty inherited from his parents.

Those traits have meant that, even in the face of serious illness, he has been reluctant to slow down. Reportedly he defied medical orders by his insistence on going to the British D-Day commemoration last week, where he gave a magnificent speech about the sacrifices of the Allied forces.

AS THE first British monarch to be open about a cancer diagnosis, the King has been heroic.

So has his daughter-in-law. The Princess not only had the shock of having to deal her illness as both a young mother and as an international celebrity, but she also had to put up with an outrageous campaign of denigration by a band of conspiracy theorists.

It was partly their venom that compelled the Princess to make her memorable broadcast on March 22, in which looking gaunt but defiant, she explained she was undergoing a sustained period of treatment for cancer.

She was equally honest and brave in her latest update, released last Friday, that spoke of "good days and bad days", adding that though she is "not out of the woods", she has made "good progress".

The optimism engendered by that bulletin was reinforced on Saturday, when she looked her elegant best as she travelled by coach with her three children, then acknowledged the throng of well-wishers from the balcony of Buckingham Palace.

Her smile captured the mood of most of the nation. In her charisma, charm and modesty, she is the best thing to happen to the Royal Family in decades.

Thanks in part to her, republicanism remains a miserable, fringe cause, as highlighted by the laughably small group of anti-monarchist protesters who gathered outside the Trooping the Colour.

In fact, the timing of this ceremony during the General Election campaign is another reminder of how lucky we are to have a constitutional monarchy, which can act as a force for social cohesion beyond the partisanship of political strife.

IT is telling that in France and the USA – both of which are also undergoing elections at present – politics appears to have a far greater capacity for promoting conflict and crisis, precisely because the elected head of state is also the political leader of the nation.

The discord is all the greater when the president is someone as divisive as Emmanuel Macron or as enfeebled as Joe Biden. In contrast, under our monarchy, the imminent wholesale rejection of the Tory Party will not tear Britain apart.

Exactly a century ago, Labour came to power for the first time. What could have been seen as a revolutionary development was neutralized by George V.

With King Charles at the helm, order and commonsense will prevail this summer even if the Labour Party gets the biggest landslide in history.

**'Outpouring of affection shows why the monarchy still works'**

# James Whale

STRAIGHT TALKING AND TAKES NO PRISONERS



## Blame global warming for this awful summer

**WHAT has happened to our weather? Where has the so-called global warming gone? The longest day of the year is this Thursday and the weather's still awful!**

**I must admit, it's got me a bit down. Summer is usually a time of conviviality. But we've had no sunbathing, no barbecues and no sitting out into the evening dusk around the fire pit.**

**But hang on a moment, I'm being told the constant rain IS because of climate change. As the Earth warms, Britain is apparently getting wetter. And that means we can expect more soggy summers in the future.**

**When the heatwave arrives, you'll find me doing a sun dance in my back garden. And I don't care what the naysayers think. I've got the fire pit ready.**

IT'S HAPPENED. Reform has finally overtaken the Conservatives in the polls. I can't say I'm surprised. Nigel Farage, *pictured*, a good friend of mine for more than 20 years, is on an unstoppable winning streak.

Just look at his performances so far in the TV election debates. Charismatic and reasoned, it's no wonder he's got Rishi Sunak's lot running scared. Only he has the personality and the strong ideas on policy.

I only just wish that many on the left would stop painting him as a pantomime villain. Nigel is interested in the country's history and wants to improve it at all costs.

I suggest they stop focusing on his image and start listening to what he says. Because every word makes perfect sense.

**THE 2024 EUROS have begun and once again we have a bizarre assortment of animals guessing which country will win. In the past few days, we've heard psychic predictions from an orangutan, tortoise, gerbil, lion, elephant, sheep and a group of lemurs.**

**Enough with this lunacy already! Otherwise, I'm getting my own dogs on the case.**

# Time to get tough with little killers

TWO 12-year-old boys who hacked an innocent teenager to death in a Wolverhampton park have become Britain's youngest convicted killers for 30 years. If this doesn't wake people up to how broken our nation is then I don't know what will.

In 1993 Robert Thompson and Jon Venables, both aged 11, snatched two-year-old James Bulger from his mother in a shopping centre before brutally torturing and murdering him. And now we've seen a similarly heinous act of random violence.

The boys, who cannot be named because of their ages, attacked Shawn Seesahai, 19, with a machete on November 13 last year. He didn't know them and did nothing to provoke the attack. He was simply walking through playing fields with his friend.

My heart goes out to his parents and friends.

There is growing pressure for a judge to name the machete murderers. And policing minister Chris Philp has indicated this may happen because of it being an "exceptional" case.

Good. There can never be an excuse for murder. It doesn't matter how poor you are, or whether you've had a tough upbringing. Plenty of us did, but it didn't turn us into cold-blooded killers.

The truth is that there have never been so many violent crimes committed by and against young people. Many are obsessed with their own victimhood and a feeling of entitlement that convinces them they can say and do exactly what they want.

Wrong!

Worse still, the warning signs here were obvious. Following last week's conviction, the neighbour of one of the 12-year-old killers has said he had to barricade his home with barbed wire and metal bars to keep the "nasty piece of work" out. I'm sorry but what exactly were our police doing?

Let's bring back stronger sentences for more lenient crimes and maybe that will stop the level of spiralling violence at the other end. It's ridiculous a person can steal up to £200 worth of goods without being prosecuted for one thing. I'm sick of it.

Our society has been inflicted with a woke mentality from top to bottom. Too many think they can act how they like without facing consequences. It must stop or otherwise our nation risks becoming the dustbin of the world.




## Graffiti yobs should clean up their own mess

**THE ANTISOCIAL behaviour from demonstrators must stop. It's getting out of hand.**

**Just last week, a bunch of morons attacked the new portrait of King Charles.**

**Protesters from Animal Rising pasted an image of cartoon character Wallace, of Wallace and Gromit fame, with a message about their welfare concerns at RSPCA "assured farms".**

**I hate to see any sort of animal cruelty – and the RSPCA has launched an immediate investigation into the reported allegations – but I'm losing all patience with these public spectacles. Many think that they are victimless crimes. But this is nonsense. Such acts harm our country and are disrespectful to our monarchy.**

**I find all forms of graffiti disgusting. Every week I drive into London and each time, I see more and more messages sprayed on street walls and fences.**

**Most are nonsensical scrawlings. Appalling eyesores without any obvious form or meaning. If I had my way, the perpetrators, if caught, would be made to wash off their "art". At least, they'd be too exhausted to get out their spray cans afterwards.**

## LABOUR'S VAT PLAN AIMED AT THOSE PAYING FOR PRIVATE EDUCATION IS PURE NASTINESS BORN FROM SPITE

*THE MOST disgraceful nonsense I've heard spouted so far in this election contest is Labour's promise to add VAT to public school fees. Now, before you shout at me, I went to a comprehensive. I failed the 11-plus and didn't get any O-Levels.*

*My parents could have got me into a private school. And it might have changed my fortunes, although I like to think I haven't done so badly.*

*But, like so many parents who forgo expensive holidays and cars to give their children a private education, they would have had to scrimp and save for every penny.*

*So if Labour does win and puts its plan into action, where will the roughly half a million children in public schools end up? In our overloaded state system of course, currently paid for by hard-up taxpayers.*

*The whole idea seems like one of pure nastiness born from spite.*

*Labour's pledged to introduce 6,500 new teachers with the savings it makes. But with 43,500 teachers leaving the state-funded education system last year alone, that will hardly do the job. Nor will it fix the growing class sizes if private school pupils have to return to state schools because their parents cannot afford the spike in their term fees.*

*Like so many of Labour's ideas, it seems ill-thought through.*

# HPV jab to stop thousands of head and neck cancers

By **Hanna Geissler**
Health Editor

THOUSANDS of cases of head and neck cancer will be prevented thanks to the HPV vaccine.

The revolutionary jab has already slashed rates of cervical cancer in women by around 90%.

But now a study reveals the shot has also more than halved rates of head and neck cancers among men.

## Risk

The vaccine has been offered to girls aged 11 to 13 in England and Wales since September 2008, and boys of the same age since 2019.

It protects against human papillomavirus, spread through skin contact, which can increase the risk of several cancers. A study presented at the world's largest cancer conference, in Chicago, found the jab cut rates of all HPV-related cancer from 7.5 to 3.4 cases per 100,000 in men, and from 15.8 to 11.5 in women.

For vaccinated men there were 2.8 cases of head and neck cancer per 100,000, but it was 6.3 for those who hadn't had it. The study analysed 5.46 million patients, 949,000 of whom had the HPV jab from 2006-2008. There was no significant reduction in head and neck cancers in women, likely because they are far more common in men.



**Lifesaver...the jab protects against HPV-related cancers**

Virologist Dr Lawrence Young, of the University of Warwick, said the injection has a "double whammy" effect when given to boys – cutting HPV-related cancers in men, and curbing the spread of the virus through sexual contact, which helps protect women. But uptake rates are lower among boys – 65% for those in year 8 in England and Wales in 2022-23, compared with 71% for girls.

Prof Young called for "better public health messaging" aimed at youngsters to ensure they do not only view it as a vaccine for cervical cancer.

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# Fairy Tayl ending in Liverpool

By **Charlotte McLaughlin**

**WITH her passionate performances and bold outfits, Taylor Swift earned the adoration of fans in Liverpool.**

**Now she has thanked them for their support after her last of three nights at Anfield Stadium on Saturday.**

**The US singer, 34, said she broke the stadium's attendance record with 62,000 Swifties at the first show on Thursday.**

**The previous record was 61,905 fans for an FA Cup fourth-round tie in 1952.**

**Taylor posted images from her three shows in the city on Instagram yesterday, writing: "So many dreamy memories from Liverpool! All three Liverpool crowds were so expressive and generous and endlessly fun. Thank you!"**

**Her tour continues in Cardiff tomorrow.**

# We turn on heating to beat 'summer'



Mud bath...Download Festival

By **Helen Barnett**

THE chilly snap has caused a 22% rise in people using heating this June as the weather is as cold as March.

Despite the UK welcoming the longest day of the year on Thursday, the number cranking up the thermostat has risen by a fifth year on year, analysts at Cornwall Insight say.

The Met Office told the Daily Express temperatures are currently "very similar" to the end of March or early April.

The mercury plunged as low as 1.4C in County Down, Northern Ireland, on Saturday. The cooler conditions are even more of a surprise as last year was the hottest June on record.

But the mercury hit just 16C on Saturday as Trooping the Colour was a washout, while the Download Festival got stuck in the mud. A change in the jet stream bringing Arctic air has caused the bad weather.

Yesterday was a little warmer, resulting in some families dashing to the beach.



Rain or shine... London is soggy but Isla and Frankie hit St Annes Beach, Lancs



# House prices drop slightly

## Election puts move plans on hold

By **Vicky Shaw**

THE average price of a home dipped by just £21 this month following a record high in May, reveal experts.

Website Rightmove said the typical cost of a residential property in Britain coming fresh on the market in June is £375,110, slightly down compared with May's record of £375,131.

The number of sales being agreed has remained steady in recent weeks and the volume of buyer inquiries to agents has also been stable.

Rightmove did highlight "possible election caution" among some would-be sellers, particularly at the top end of the market, with certain people appearing to pause plans.

### Pattern

Tim Bannister, Rightmove's director of property science said: "It's always difficult to predict how home movers will react to sudden uncertainty, but looking back through our data, we can see that during previous election campaigns, market activity has remained largely steady. This election has followed a similar pattern.

"However, some potential sellers appear to be watching and waiting rather than taking action, evidenced by a dip in the number of new sellers coming to market, particularly at the top end. This is understandable when many of these sellers have more flexibility over when they act."



Caution...property market is steady

Ian Baker, of Yorkshire-based estate agent Preston Baker, said: "Whichever government is chosen, the priority must be increasing the supply of new homes. Investment in the local authority planning system, to speed up applications, is the priority.

"The rental price growth has been extraordinary over the past few years, and landlord-friendly policies will be required to attract landlords back into the market."

Property firm Hamptons said the cost to tenants of a newly-let home in Britain rose to an average of £1,337 per month in May, which was 6.3% or £79 per month higher compared with the same period in 2023.

# Election is fuelling the high prices

By **Neil Lancefield**

FUEL retailers are exploiting focus on the election by keeping their margins "persistently high", the RAC claims.

It said prices for petrol and diesel are "far higher than they should be" as wholesale costs have fallen since April.

The average price of a litre of petrol is 146.3p, which is "5p more expensive than it should be", the RAC says.

Meanwhile, Britain has had Europe's dearest diesel for seven weeks.

A litre typically costs 151.5p. In Northern Ireland it is marginally cheaper at 141.9p.

Retailers' margins – the differences between what they paid for fuel and the pump price – are 14p per litre for petrol and 16p for diesel.

Simon Williams, of the RAC, said: "We believe there's no good reason for retailers not cutting their prices at the pumps far further.

"We can only think they're hoping no one will notice due to the distraction of the General Election."

# 38% of kids' centres are closed

By **Alan Jones**

ALMOST two in five council-run children's centres in England have closed since 2010 after government funding cuts, a new report says.

Communities had been "devastated" by the closures and vulnerable families left without access to vital education and health support, said the public service union Unison.

A total of 38% of council-run children's centres in England had closed since 2010 when the Government implemented austerity measures, according to figures obtained by the union through Freedom of Information requests.

There were at least 3,106 centres across England in 2010/11, but hard-up local authorities had axed 1,168 by the end of March 2023.

Unison's Mike Short said: "Every region of England has closed vast numbers of council-run children's centres. They are the lifeblood of local communities."

The full report will be published today.

Picture: AFP VIA GETTY IMAGES



Support... Joe Biden with George Clooney, Julia Roberts and Barack Obama

# Stars raise £22m to aid Biden campaign

By **Darlene Superville**

**HOLLYWOOD icons headlined a glitzy fundraiser in a bid to energise Joe Biden's re-election campaign.**

**George Clooney, Julia Roberts and former US leader Barack Obama helped the gala rack up £22million to aid the 81-year-old incumbent ahead of November's poll.**

**Chat show host Jimmy Kimmel interviewed Mr Biden and Mr Obama at the Peacock Theatre in Los Angeles. Both stressed the need to defeat ex-President Donald Trump in a race expected to be very close. President Biden said "all we gotta do is remember what it was like" when Trump was in the White House.**

**Showbiz luminaries have increasingly lined up to help.**

**Mr Biden's desire to be there was underlined by flying back through the night across nine time zones from the G7 meeting in Italy. He also opted out of a Swiss summit about the Ukraine war.**



Bossing it...with the ex-US leader

# Israel's 'tactical pause' in fighting

By **Stephen Beech**

ISRAEL announced a "tactical pause" in fighting in southern Gaza to allow vital aid supplies to reach civilians.

The military said it is suspending operations during daytime hours along a key seven-mile route in the Rafah area to free up deliveries destined for desperate Palestinians enduring a humanitarian crisis.

The move falls well short of a complete ceasefire sought by the international community, including Israel's main ally the United States.

And Israel's commanders said fighting is not being halted in the rest of southern Gaza. Yet if the pause holds, it could help tens of thousands of Palestinians left homeless by the intense fighting.

## Travel

Israel's military said the break will apply from 8am until 7pm every day until further notice.

Aid trucks will be allowed to reach the nearby Israel-controlled Kerem Shalom crossing and travel safely to the Salah a-Din highway, a main north-south road.

The crossing has become a major bottleneck since Israeli ground forces entered Rafah early last month.

Cogat, the Israeli military body that oversees aid distribution, said the route will increase the flow of assistance to other parts of the territory.

The suspension, which began as Muslims in Gaza and elsewhere began marking the Eid al-Adha holiday, came after discussions with the United Nations and international aid agencies. Scott Anderson, Gaza affairs director for the UN agency for Palestinians, hopes the move will "bring in much-needed aid".

Israel and Hamas are still weighing up the latest proposal for a ceasefire, tabled by US President Joe Biden.

Hamas has demanded changes that appear unacceptable to Israel.

The Israeli authorities also revealed the names of 11 soldiers killed in recent attacks in Gaza, taking the number of its troops killed since its ground invasion began to 308.

Officials in Gaza claim more than 37,000 Palestinians have been killed in the nine months of war since Hamas killed 1,200 people during its October 7 attack on Israel. The terrorists also took 250 hostage.

More than one million Palestinians fled Rafah following the invasion, crowding into other parts of southern and central Gaza.

Most now take shelter in tented camps, using trenches as latrines, with open sewage in the streets.

Cogat's Shimon Freedman blamed the UN for aid supplies stacking up on the Gaza side of Kerem Shalom.

He said the agencies have "fundamental logistical problems that they have not fixed" – particularly a lack of trucks. But the UN says fighting often makes travel to Kerem Shalom too dangerous. Aid trucks have also been looted by crowds.

It was not clear whether Israeli armed forces would provide security to protect the trucks.

# Titan victim 'died doing what he loved'

By **Christopher Bucktin** US Editor



*Doomed...the submersible. Right, explorer Nargeolet*

**THE daughter of a Titanic explorer killed in the Titan submersible disaster a year ago tomorrow said he died doing what he loved most.**

**Paul-Henri Nargeolet, 77, was one of five men who died 12,500ft deep in the North Atlantic as they tried to reach the wreck.**

**Daughter Sidonie said: "He must have been super happy. His favourite thing was to see the Titanic.**

**"He died living his passion. I think what he did is beautiful...courageous."**

**She spoke as the US Coast Guard said they were still "actively investigating" the disaster that killed Mr Nargeolet, UK billionaire Hamish Harding, 58, British father and son Shahzada and Suleman Dawood, 48 and 19, and Titan owner Stockton Rush, 61.**

**Debris on the seabed indicated the craft imploded, crushed by the pressure of the ocean. Jason Neubauer of the Coast Guard's Marine Board Investigation said: "The investigation into the implosion of the Titan is a complex and ongoing effort."**

**It has since emerged experts had raised concerns with underwater exploration firm OceanGate about its new method of creating the submersible out of carbon fibre, which was prone to cracking.**

# £1.5m bid to rescue wild farm

By **Emily Beament**

A FARM left to nature years before "rewilding" became trendy is now helping wildlife to thrive, say conservationists trying to save it.

The owner of Strawberry Hill, near Bedford, stopped farming his land 37 years ago, allowing fields to revert to scrubland that has become a haven for wildlife including threatened nightingales, cuckoos and turtle doves, bats and owls.

But the 150-hectare site has no official protections and after the owner's death, there were fears that it could be sold and returned to agriculture.

After gaining a temporary reprieve for the site, the local branch of the Wildlife Trust has raised enough money to buy half the land.

Now it is trying to raise £1.5million more to secure the whole site, saying its rewilding "truly is a beacon of hope in one of the most nature-depleted countries in the world".

# Beavers help save our voles

By **Nick Forbes**

DAMS built by beavers reintroduced to a Scottish rainforest 15 years ago may also help water voles to flourish, conservationists say.

Water voles are one of the most threatened native animals, preyed on by mink.

But now they could dig burrows into the new "edge habitat" created by the dams along watercourses, hidden from danger.

John Taylor of Forestry and Land Scotland, which manages Argyll and Bute's Knapdale forests, said: "The beavers have blurred the boundaries between water and land, which means more places for water voles to hide."

The animals in turn could help plants thrive.

The Heart of Argyll Wildlife Organisation's Pete Creech, said: "Their nibbling of sedges and grasses provides space for a greater diversity of wildflowers, while their burrowing shifts soil nutrients to the surface, increasing accessibility for plant growth."




Super seven... Leeds Rhinos in player's shirt

# Only one Rob Burrow in club's tribute to legend

**PLAYERS and fans paid an emotional tribute to rugby league legend Rob Burrow at his club's first game since his death from motor neurone disease.**

**A video showing highlights of his stellar 17-year playing career with Leeds Rhinos was played before the match at Hull FC before an enthusiastic minute of applause echoed around the ground.**

**Players wore shirts with Rob's name and number 7 on the back, which were later signed by players to be sold off to raise money for the**

By **Andy Russell**

**late star's MND charity. Collection buckets were also passed around the crowd.**

**Former team-mate and close friend Liam Smith and Rhinos captain Ryse Martin then laid wreaths in honour of the player, who won eight Super League titles with his boyhood club.**

**Rob's father Geoff was at Saturday's clash where the crowd held up banners with "There's Only One Rob Burrow" and "Your Legacy Will Live Forever." Dad of three Rob, 41, died two weeks ago following his near five-year battle with MND which he was diagnosed with in 2019.**

**Hull won 18-10 and Rhinos coach Rohan Smith said the intensity of the occasion may have affected them. He added: "It's been a tough time. They treasured their time with him and I'm sure they wish they could have won."**

*Campaigner...Rob Burrow. Above, the fans*

# Father applies for judicial review into daughter's suicide inquest

**EXCLUSIVE**

By **Liz Perkins**

THE father of a teenager who took her own life at a leading boarding school has applied for a judicial review into the decisions made by the coroner at her inquest.

Caitlyn Scott-Lee, 16, was found dead at Wycombe Abbey School in Buckinghamshire on April 21 last year after "hyper-fixating" on her first ever "headmistress's detention".

The move has been put forward by the autistic teenager's dad Jonathan to the High Court of Justice against senior coroner Crispin Butler on a number of grounds, including his failure to investigate, and reporting restrictions imposed during the hearing.

Mr Scott-Lee further argued that as it was an Article 2 inquest – which offers a bigger remit to look into an individual's death – that the coroner acted unlawfully by finding the school had no case to answer over the detention. It comes after Sir Simon Baron-Cohen, an expert on autism based at Cambridge University, was excluded from giving evidence and findings of a report he carried out were also left out of the proceedings.





Anxious...Caitlyn Scott-Lee with dad Jonathan. Right, Wycombe Abbey School

In the judicial review application, it quoted from Sir Simon's report, which said: "If her GP or school had been well-informed of autistic people's very high risk for suicide they should have triaged her as needing urgent support for her mental health. I understand her GP triaged her as low risk because she did not disclose any self-harming behaviour, but her autism diagnosis should have trumped this in terms of indicators of high suicide risk.

"[GPs, teachers and parents] should assume if a young person is autistic, this should be taken as a 'red flag' for suicide and not be shy to ask the young person if they have felt suicidal, or if there have been any past suicide attempts, especially ones that they are unaware of. An autistic person who seeks help for depression should be seen by a specialist within 24 hours."

Figures reveal that up to 66% of autistic adults have thought about taking their own life and around 35% have attempted suicide.

The inquest heard from Wycombe Abbey's headteacher Joanne Duncan.

She said the school was not aware that Caitlyn had been suffering anxiety, nor was she on the list of girls with "serious mental health issues".

Ms Duncan added: "We are deeply saddened that we were unaware of the difficulties she was suffering with."

The hearing ended on May 1, with the coroner recording a conclusion of suicide and made findings that "there was no evidence that Caitlyn was going to do what she did" or that there was "anything that would have assisted the school in identifying what was tragically to happen on the evening of April 21".

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# Dick's Poppin back on stage at 98...

Van-tastic... Dick on stage and below, with Arlene

By **Andy Russell**

ENTERTAINER Dick Van Dyke shows that he is still a supercalifragilistic performer at the age of 98.

The Mary Poppins and Chitty Chitty Bang Bang star sang and danced at a fund raiser event near his home in California with his a cappella group Dick and the Vantastix.

The veteran singer, dancer, actor and comic was joined on stage by his wife Arlene Silver, 53, to mark the opening of a theatre at Malibu High School named in honour of the couple.

Dick and his group sang songs from his long career on screen and stage.

# Schools ballot on 'service'

EXCLUSIVE

By **Giles Sheldrick**

SCHOOLCHILDREN will be polled about national service for the first time this week.

Some 500,000 pupils of varying ages across the UK will be asked if they would be prepared to serve their country.

Plans would see all 18-year-olds undertake civic service or military placements to learn new skills and foster a sense of community, belonging and national purpose.

Starting today, a week-long ballot will let pupils share their views. The results will indicate whether they are on board with the idea or if the push is a waste of time and money.

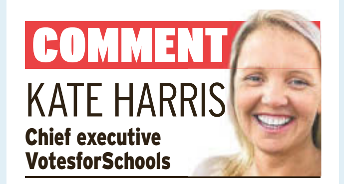
## Discipline

It will be carried out by VotesforSchools, a platform designed to engage children and young people in political and social issues.

Prime Minister Rishi Sunak claimed the scheme would promote a "shared sense of purpose among young people".

Billionaire businessman John Caudwell, 71, said: "Currently in the UK, 12.8% of those aged 16 to 24 are unemployed – that's 540,000 young people.

"National service could provide a vital first step in their professional lives, bringing with it work experience, skills, discipline and responsibility."



COMMENT

KATE HARRIS

Chief executive VotesforSchools

**WE are all aware that the confidence in democracy in the UK is low and people feel disengaged and dispirited by the political system.**

**Since 2016, we have been working in schools and colleges and we know the best way to create active democratic citizens is to start young to develop the skills to take from childhood to adulthood.**

**VotesforSchools is an organisation that provides weekly debates for schools to engage in having a relevant political conversation with students.**

**They build the skills of empathy, tolerance, critical thinking and the ability to be able to argue respectfully. They are also actively involved in a political process.**

**At the end of the debate, they get a chance to vote and comment on a question, and we make sure their voices are heard.**

**VotesforSchools is a beacon of hope in a dark political time for the UK.**

# Ukraine looking to Churchill in its battle with Russia

EXCLUSIVE

By **Giles Sheldrick**

Chief Reporter

UKRAINE is summoning the spirit of Winston Churchill and the miracle of D-Day in its fight with Russia, a top aide has said.

Kyiv has the commitment of G7 nations "for as long as it takes" to win its battle against Moscow – backed by a £40billion loan.

The financial support of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, and the US sends an "unmistakable signal" to Vladimir Putin as the war rumbles into its third year.

But as Russian forces make advances around Kharkiv, the second biggest city in Ukraine, and intensified attacks along the country's Eastern Front, war weary troops are finding inspiration from Britain's wartime Prime Minister.

## Darkness

Kyiv aide Anton Gerashchenko, former deputy minister at the Ukrainian Ministry of Internal Affairs and a trusted lieutenant of President Volodymyr Zelensky, told the Daily Express: "Although it is summer now and there's lots of light around, Russia is trying to plunge Ukraine into darkness.

"Just recently, Europe and the whole world commemorated and thanked the heroes of D-Day in Normandy.

"Here in Ukraine, we believe the power of spirit and bravery will allow our allies to stand firmly against murders of the civilian population and shelling of cities in the centre of Europe.

"Despite unbelievable exhaustion, Ukrainians continue following Churchill's advice, 'Never give in, never give in, never, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense. Never yield to force; never yield to the apparently overwhelming might of the enemy'."

Putin has promised a ceasefire if Ukraine withdrew troops from occupied regions. But the offer was dismissed as there would be "no compromise on independence, sovereignty or territorial integrity".

Estimates suggest more than 50,000 Russian soldiers have been killed while Ukrainian losses total 31,000. Experts say 40% of Putin's dead are those who were volunteers, civilians or prisoners sent on a "human wave" assault missions.

Earlier this month Mr Zelensky stood with world leaders on the beaches of Normandy where 80 years earlier an Allied sea and air invasion launched the liberation of Nazi-occupied France.

French President Emmanuel Macron said: "When we look at those who want to change borders by force to rewrite history, let us stand with dignity and look at those who landed here. Let us have their courage. Your presence shows us this in a very forceful way."

Mr Zelensky's appearance at the G7 leaders' meeting in Italy was a success in shoring up more financial support for the fight for freedom that started in February 2022.

But the battle has taken a toll. Kyiv is publicly grateful for global support, but seething it arrived too late. Mr Gerashchenko said: "If Ukraine had been given the aid and equipment in 2022 that we have today, the situation would have been drastically different."

Inspired... Gerashchenko. Inset, Churchill


Lunch time... more children are being fed



# ‘We’re facing starvation as crops fail’

By **Steph Spyro**
Environment Editor in Tigray

THE resilience of volunteer school cook Mihret Gebru shines through as she raises a family amid a severe humanitarian crisis in the drought-hit Ethiopian region of Tigray.

Communities here were beginning to emerge from the shadows of a catastrophic two-year war in which fields of crops burned, oxen used for ploughing were slaughtered and machinery was looted or destroyed.

But now drought has turned formerly lush landscapes into desolate wastelands and farmers face ruin as their crops wither and die.

Food prices have soared, meaning families are struggling to be afford to feed their children.

Mother-of-six Mihret said: “Twelve relatives died because of the war. That was worse than the current drought, but we face so many economic challenges. We face a shortage of food. There was a blockade which led to huge starvation.”

Despite their best efforts to cultivate crops, the drought has rendered their farmland dry and barren.

Mihret sold all her animals, including chickens, to buy food for her family, but her money did not go far.

She said: “One 1kg jug of wheat costs 85 bir [£1.15]. It is very expensive. Before the war it cost 30 bir [40p]. I began doing people’s hair to make money.” Mihret volunteers as a cook at Ara Primary School, in the Hintalo District, where two of her children attend classes.

She takes part in a school feeding programme provided by the UK charity Mary’s Meals, which gives a plate of fortified porridge to children at school every single day.

It has been feeding children at Ara daily since March, but helped feed families during Covid too. Mihret said: “Mary’s Meals distributed food rations to children during the pandemic so they could cook at home.”

## Decimated

Ara Primary School was shelled during the war, in which up to 600,000 people were killed and millions displaced.

The conflict which lasted from November 2020 to November 2022 was primarily fought in Tigray between the Ethiopian federal government and Eritrea on one side, and Tigrayan forces on the other.

Mihret and her family were forced to flee to the neighbouring state of Afar. They hid in caves and trees as soldiers decimated their village. She said: “When I came back home, the war was continuing, but I felt safe.

Lifeline...Mihret volunteers at Ara Primary School, main picture and left

## HOW YOU CAN HELP MARY'S MEALS

**HERE are the ways you can donate to Mary's Meals' Ethiopia appeal:**
**ONLINE: www.marysmeals.org.uk/express**
**FREEPOST: Express Ethiopia Appeal Freepost, MARY'S MEALS**
**TEXT: Text EXPRESS followed by your donation amount to 70560.**
**Texts will cost the donation amount plus one standard network rate message and you'll be opting into hearing more from Mary's Meals.**
**If you would like to donate but don't wish to hear more from Mary's Meals, please text EXPRESSNOINFO instead.**
**CALL: Freephone number 0800 698 1212**
**Or scan the QR CODE, left**

We realised the value of peace." But now the future of an entire generation is threatened by hunger.

Pupils at Ara Primary School, including Mihret's 11-year-old in grade three and nine-year-old in grade one, are trying to cover three grades in one year to make up for time lost during Covid and the war.

Mihret said: "They missed education for more than three years after the school closed in March 2020 because of Covid. It reopened in September 2023."

Meanwhile, her 17-year-old, who is out of school, is seeking opportunities outside the community, while her 21-year-old daughter married at 19 after dropping out of school.

Mihret said: "We prefer for our children to get engaged so they can be reliant on someone else if they are over 18 years old.

"If there was a good economic situation and a feeding programme here, we would have preferred she continued with her education."

Now schools in the region are filled with the empty desks of children too weak to attend.

Teacher Wahio Mekoneni, 25, said classes used to be attended by many pupils, but now those who do attend are often so exhausted they have their heads on their desks.

The mother of two said: "Before the war, we had the chance to compete and accelerate learning.

"It's difficult for us but also for the students."

Alex Keay, director of programme affiliates and partners at Mary's Meals, said: "Enrolment numbers were significantly below pre-war levels before feeding started.

### Traumatised

"The teachers were explaining that the kids were quite changed by what had happened during the war.

"Teaching was more challenging because children were traumatised by conflict and displacement."

The 450 people registered at the school currently is significantly below the 570 enrolled before the war.

It costs just £19.20 to feed one student every single day for a year.

● *If you would like to make a donation to Mary's Meals, please find more information above.*

Difficulties... teacher Wahio

## CHARITY HAS HELPED FEED MY DREAM OF BECOMING A DOCTOR

MEARGU Baraki says daily meals from a UK charity will help him to achieve his goal of becoming a doctor.

The 21-year-old said they boosted his attendance at Ara Primary School and adds that he doesn't feel hungry now because of the food being provided by Mary's Meals.

He said: "Education is very important. I cannot be a doctor without it. Mary's Meals is very important. Before they started feeding here, I would only come to school three days a week or I left at recess as I felt hungry. I used to feel weak but now I'm becoming smart and active." The ambitious young man told how he has been traumatised by shelling during the two-year war which has destroyed the region.

He said: "Before the conflict, we had a good life. We were self-sufficient. We came to school properly. I enjoyed it but when the war broke out, it was terrible. Shelling was everywhere and we were suffering from fear.

"When I saw shelling, my family and I scattered – especially to lowland areas. We then reunited."

Meargu adds that he is determined to finish his education despite the challenges he faces.


Ambition...Meargu Baraki

# HICKEY

EDDIE Izzard, who in his personal life now prefers the name Suzy, *pictured*, admits he sometimes finds adverse comments about his dress choice entertaining.

Izzard told the Rosebud podcast: “The interesting one was two drunk guys, and they were going ‘Hey darling’ as I'm walking down the street.

“I said ‘Be careful – you're wandering into a hate crime here’. And their brains just slowed down (thinking) ‘that's probably not so good’, and they sloughed off.”

**EVEN before the Germany defeat, Radio Scotland interviewed Scots Martin Compston and Gordon Smart about the BBC Scotland show they've taken on, covering the Euros.**

**The station's presenter began: “The first question I have to ask, which will go some way to indicating the confidence of the BBC in terms of how they think Scotland are going to do – ‘How long's your contract for this show?’”**

**Even though the man asking had as strong a Scottish accent as his interviewees, he was perhaps aptly named for the cheeky opener – Paul English.**

KIEFER Sutherland is proud of co-founding Canadian Red Bank whisky and tasked a friend with carrying a box of it for radio staff when he went on Chris Moyles's show.

Seeing his buddy struggling up the street, Sutherland lifted a bottle out to lighten the load. However, one passer-by clearly did not recognise the actor.

He says: “I pulled out a bottle and I said ‘Does that make it lighter?’

“And as I did that, someone was walking the other way and gave me some money – and was like ‘get better’.”

**JOHN Cleese, *pictured*, was offered his place at Cambridge University to study physics, maths and chemistry.**

**But when National Service was abolished, he found himself in a two-year queue to start his degree, so he returned to his old school to teach – during which time he realised he'd made a big mistake.**

**He explains: “I suddenly realised the people going to Cambridge to study science were going to be interested in it and I thought that that gave them an appalling advantage. Totally unfair.**

**“They said the only other one is archaeology and anthropology and a boy from Weston-super-Mare doesn't waste a university education on rubbish like that.**

**“So I did law for three years.”**

JOHN Humphrys tells how Alastair Campbell's tactics to distract him during an interview with PM Tony Blair backfired, earning the spin doctor a rebuke.

Humphrys said: “Blair sat on the couch with Campbell next to him, with a great pile of the morning's papers on his lap.

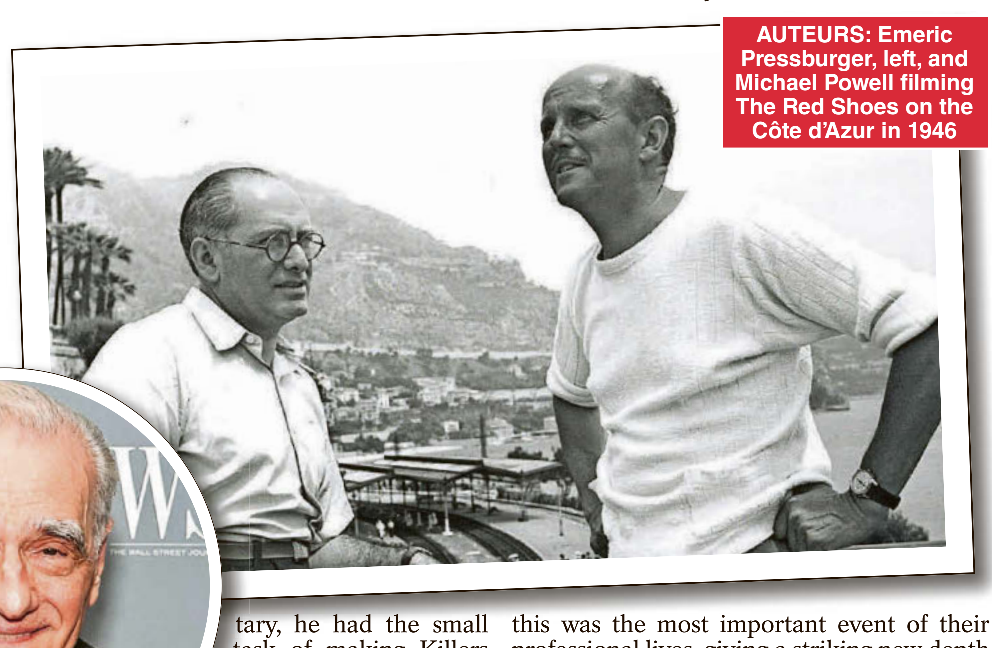
“I asked my first question. Blair began answering. Campbell opened a newspaper, rustled the pages very noisily.

“I asked my next question. Campbell picked up another paper and did the same. And so it continued.

“Blair turned to Campbell, ‘why the hell were you doing that?’ Campbell said ‘I was trying to put the bugger off’. Blair replied ‘Well, you put me off instead’.”

# WHY POWELL AND PRESSBURGER ARE A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH

## As Goodfellas director Martin Scorsese pays tribute to the legendary British filmmakers and reveals their influence on his own box office hits, TOM FORDY argues that pioneering movies like ‘Colonel Blimp’ and The Red Shoes deserve a major revival



AUTEURS: Emeric Pressburger, left, and Michael Powell filming The Red Shoes on the Côte d'Azur in 1946

FANS of Martin Scorsese films – masterpieces that include Taxi Driver, Raging Bull, Goodfellas, and Casino – might be surprised to learn that the New Yorker's biggest influences include the British films of Michael Powell and Emeric Pressburger.

Scorsese reveals their impact in a new documentary on their careers and work that he presents and narrates.

Today the pair are not household name filmmakers – not quite Hitchcock, Spielberg, or even Scorsese himself – but they were true pioneers. Working together for the best part of 20 years – mostly through the 1940s and 50s – Powell and Pressburger are lauded for crafting some of British cinema's finest, most sophisticated films – films with complex characters, rich metaphor, and startling innovation. They broke the rules – from the technical to conceptual – before the rules were properly made.

Scorsese sums up part of their brilliance in Made In England: The Films of Powell and Pressburger, as “colour, light, movement and a sense of music”. Their masterworks include The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp (1943), a military satire derided by Winston Churchill; A Matter of Life and Death (1946), a convention-bending, reality-crossing love story; and The Red Shoes (1948), a vivid, audacious ballet opus.

Scorsese calls their films “profound”.

Certainly, they had a profound effect on him.

He describes how as an asthmatic child stuck indoors – when other kids were out playing – he was “bewitched” by endless repeats of their films on American TV.

MODERN MAESTRO: Taxi Driver director Martin Scorsese

Later, Scorsese became good friends with Michael Powell, who moved to the United States and married the US director's longtime editor, Thelma Schoonmaker.

For director David Hinton, Scorsese was the obvious choice to narrate the documentary. “I knew about the deep relationship he had with Michael,” he says.

“And there's no one I'd rather listen to talking about cinema than Scorsese.”

Made In England feels personal to Scorsese. “I think it was very personal for all of us,” continues Hinton. “I was very moved by how much time and energy Scorsese put into it. He's a very busy man! For a lot of the time when we were making the documentary, he had the small task of making Killers of the Flower Moon.”

Powell grew up in the Kent countryside and began his career with a film company in the south of France, where he was apprentice to the Irish-born American silent film director, Rex Ingram.

Powell returned to the UK and directed the First World War thriller, The Spy in Black (1939), on which he met Hungarian-born screenwriter Emeric Pressburger.

They found absolute synchronicity.

Pressburger had worked for the famous UFA studios in Berlin. Being of Jewish descent, he fled the Nazis and landed in Britain in 1935. He had to learn everything about British culture – including how to speak English. That the duo began making films at the start of the Second World War was significant. “For Powell and Pressburger, this was the most important event of their professional lives, giving a striking new depth and a sense of purpose to their work.” says Scorsese in Made In England.

It details how the British film industry mucked in with the war effort by making propaganda films. All films had to be approved by the Ministry of Information.

POWELL and Pressburger were charged with making a film to encourage the Americans to join the war, so they made 49th Parallel (1941), about Nazi fugitives in Canada. But they still pushed boundaries. The film includes a sympathetic Nazi – a bold idea at a time.

The film won Pressburger an Academy Award for best story. The pair subsequently formed a production company, The Archers, and found support from J Arthur Rank, boss



EXPERIMENTAL: Scottish ballerina Moira Shearer as Victoria Page in The Red Shoes

Pictures: GETTY

MASTERPIECES: Filming David Niven and Kim Hunter in A Matter of Life and Death, left. Right, The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp

of the Rank Organisation – the British studio famous for its gong-clanging titles sequence.

As Scorsese puts it, Powell and Pressburger became "experimental filmmakers working within the system". It wasn't just the films themselves that were pioneering, but the way the partnership worked.

As The Archers, Powell and Pressburger took joint credit as writers, producers, and directors – unheard of at the time and still rare now. Powell generally handled the directing while Pressburger was the writer.

But all decisions were made together.

In 1943 they made perhaps their best-known film, The Life and Death of Colonel Blimp while at the "peak of their powers", according to Scorsese. It tells the life story of Major-General Clive Wynne-Candy, played by Archers' regular, Roger Livesey.

Spanning 40 years – told with flashbacks – it follows Wynne-Candy from dynamic, hot-headed Boer War hero to a befuddled, walrus-faced officer in the Second World War – now demoted to the Home Guard and at odds with the modern world. It's a satire on stuffy old Englishness.

But – to borrow a phrase from the Dad's Army Home Guard – the British authorities did not like it up 'em. Churchill opposed the film for the effect it might have on morale. He tried to have it banned and prevented its release overseas until 1945.

"Churchill, such a wonderful leader," Pressburger recalled. "But he just wasn't a good film critic."

Scorsese calls Colonel Blimp their "first masterpiece". "It's the film that says the most to me about growing up, growing old and – eventually – having to let go."

Adds Hinton: "It's an unbelievable feat of structure. To fit in a whole life – in such a clever and witty way. For a long time that structure was ripped apart."

Indeed, the flashback structure was scrapped and the film languished unloved for years. Now restored, it's rightly considered a great. Another film, A Matter of Life and Death, was made at the request of the Ministry of Information, which wanted to improve Anglo-American wartime relations.

It still feels staggeringly inventive. What begins as tally-ho heroics soon bends the laws of our earthly plane and cinematic convention. David Niven plays Peter, a pilot who escapes certain death.

A "conductor" – a sort-of angel – is sent to Earth to rectify the mistake and take Peter to Heaven – portrayed as a drab civil service sector where deaths on Earth are invoiced. But Peter has fallen for an American radio operator, played by Kim Hunter, and pleads to stay on Earth. His fate is decided at an otherworldly trial.

Other classics include Black Narcissus (1947), about nuns trying to establish a convent in the Himalayas – a visually sumptuous film that's positively quivering with forbidden eroticism. The Red Shoes was their most experimental film yet. Based on a Hans Christian Andersen story, it tells the story of a ballerina, played by real ballerina Moira Shearer, and has a ballet within it.

"The audacity of putting this ballet in the movie," says Hinton. "You have a drama and then you stop the drama and present this ballet that lasts 15 minutes – then you go back to the story again. As a concept that was a radical idea."

SCORSESE admits that seeing The Red Shoes as a child might be the origin of his obsession with cinema. Rank executives hated the film, but it was a soaring success. "For me, it's the ultimate subversive commercial movie," says Scorsese. "A film that has been gloriously vindicated by history."

Not everything was a hit. There were flops and misfires. They also struggled with a post-war move into US-backed pictures.

The Tales of Hoffman (1951) saw the pair back to their subversive best – a 19th-century opera transformed into a surreal, visual feast. Scorsese says the film taught him everything about "the relationship between camera and music" – a line that recalls multiple Scorsese scenes marrying the camera and music. See his montage of dead mobsters in Goodfellas to the tune of Layla. Indeed, Scorsese points out multiple Powell and Pressburger influences in his own work.

The Red Shoes choreography, for instance, influenced the boxing scenes in Raging Bull. According to Scorsese, they also influenced the likes of Brian De Palma (Carrie, Scarface) and Francis Ford Coppola (The Godfather, Apocalypse Now). Hinton took his documentary title from a stamp at the end of The Tale of Hoffman: "Made In England".

But there's a semi-irony to the idea of what English cinema should be. After all, Pressburger was Hungarian and made films in Germany. Powell trained in France with a US director. And they drew from European stories. "They came to British filmmaking with sensibilities that were forged outside England," says Hinton. "They introduced elements from aboard that enriched it."

Cracks eventually appeared in the creative partnership – in part due to Powell's need for creative independence from studios – and they stopped making regular films together by the late 1950s.

Powell described the creative rift as "a sad gap which opened between two loving people". Nevertheless, they remained friends.

Powell was later vilified for directing Peeping Tom (1960), about a serial killer who makes home movies of his victims. Its lurid, sexual content and violence horrified critics.

Watched today, Peeping Tom is quite obviously a masterpiece. As Hinton admits: "The world wasn't ready."

Powell and Pressburger were forgotten as British New Wave took over 1960s cinema – creating social realism and kitchen sink classics like A Taste of Honey and This Sporting Life. "That whole spirit and ethos was so far removed from what Powell and Pressburger were about," says Hinton. "That generation thought of them as the old guard."

As detailed in Made In England, Scorsese met Powell in 1974. Then down on his luck, he couldn't believe the US director wanted to discuss his films.

They became friends and Powell moved to America where he worked for Coppola. "Here was a guy who hadn't made a picture in 25-30 years," says Scorsese, "but every day he was planning one."

In the 1980s, the films of Powell and Pressburger were rediscovered and re-appreciated. They received a BAFTA fellowship. Pressburger died in 1988 at 85. Powell died in 1990 aged 84. Hinton recalls Powell as "sparkly eyed" in his later years.

"He could really see the fun in everything," says Hinton. "It was incredibly frustrating to have not made films for so long but that didn't stop him relishing his existence."

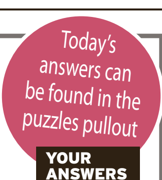
He adds: "What's lovely is that they lived to see their reputation revived. They thought they were forgotten."

● *Made In England: The Films of Powell and Pressburger, narrated by Martin Scorsese, is in selected cinemas now*

# 30-SECOND CHALLENGE

JUST follow the instructions from left to right, starting with the number given to reach an answer at the end of the row. Set your own 30-second challenge. For the very young or arithmetically rusty, you have 30 seconds for the BEGINNER task.

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## 'We love you, Papa. Happy Father's Day. G, C & L'

George, Charlotte and Louis's message to Prince William

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# My wedding vow for cut price dress

By **Emma Dunn**

**SAVVY Alice Bolster got a second-hand Vivienne Westwood wedding dress and saved £3,500.**

**The graphic designer, 30, has always enjoyed pre-loved fashion.**

**But after buying a £700 Charlie Brear gown – worth £2,200 – from a charity store she wasn't sure it was "the one".**

**Alice then looked on Vinted and found her "dream" dress, worth around £6,000 new. She paid just £2,500 for it.**

**Alice, from Teddington, South West London, said: "I never felt it was an option to get a new dress. I I would have felt guilty."**

**She wore it earlier this month as she wed George Bolster, 30. Alice said: "It fit like a glove. It made me feel special and beautiful."**



**Bargain... Alice in Westwood gown and, below, with George**

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# Do you need a digital detox?

## The average Briton spends 24 hours a week online, but you can enjoy life without screens, says writer **Monica Cafferky**. And with UK Unplugging Day on Sunday, there's never been a better time to switch off

Walk down any street and you'll notice people glued to their phones. The average adult now checks their mobile every 12 minutes, according to Ofcom research.

But it's not just smartphones that have us hooked. Screens in general have taken over our lives and the latest stats show we spend around eight hours and 41 minutes a day staring at screens, or a day a week online.

"Our screens are our constant companions at work and play, both when we're with friends and when we're alone," says Tanya Goodin who is the founder of digital wellbeing platform Time to Log Off.

Numerous studies have shown a link between technology overuse and anxiety and depression, adds Tanya, also author of Off: Your Digital Detox for a Better Life.

"Then there's the well documented 'fear of missing out' – or FOMO – which is often connected to what we see on social media, triggering a sense that we're 'going without'," she says. So why is it that so many of us are dependent on our screens?

Dr Mark Griffiths, distinguished professor of behavioural addiction, from the Psychology Department at Nottingham Trent University, says it's not our devices we're addicted to, but the applications running on them.

"Each time you check texts, emails, tweets, social media and so on, you get a hit of dopamine, the feel-good hormone, which constantly keeps you in a dopamine loop," explains Dr Griffiths.

"This is why it can be so hard to unplug."

If that sounds familiar, help is at hand. In a bid to help Brits take back control from their screens, Tanya launched UK Unplugging Day in 2016. This year, the nationwide digital detox day will run on Sunday, June 23.

"UK Unplugging Day is a 24-hour break from the digital world, explains Tanya. "It aims to enable you to disconnect from your devices and reconnect with your loved ones in real life."

Here she shares how we can all have a go at escaping our screens...




RELAXING Enjoying a quiet read with Monkey

SHUTDOWN Monica put her screens under wraps for a day

### TIME TO LOG OFF

***Let people know**
Tell others about your plan to go offline so they don't worry if they suddenly can't get hold of you, and then make that big step of turning off your devices.

***Be realistic**
Any time at all that you spend unplugged is a win. So you must try to be realistic about what you can do – and see any effort to be offline as a positive.

***Keep busy**
Get out of the house and organise something fun like a yoga class or family picnic to keep your attention away from picking your phone back up.

***Involve the whole family**
If everyone in your home takes part in a digital detox together, you're more likely to succeed. You'll find it brings you closer as a family, and opens up space to natter together.

***Lead by example**
Children model our behaviour, so lead by example. If you don't want them to look at their mobile during a meal then you shouldn't either.

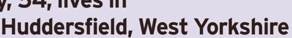
***Keep a journal**
This reflection process helps you to spot any warning signs that might need some attention – like being aware of FOMO around social media apps. Also, if you note that you feel better after some time without screens, you'll be spurred on to do it again.

■ **For more tips visit itstimetologoff.com**

### SIGNS YOU NEED TO LOG OFF

■ You feel anxious or stressed if you're unable to find your phone.
■ **You're afraid you will miss out on something if you don't check social media.**
■ You never leave the house without having your mobile with you.
■ **You stay up late at night using a screen.**
■ You regularly check your phone no matter what you're doing.

## I DIDN'T MISS SOCIAL MEDIA AT ALL



MORNING WALK With Monkey and no phone

**Writer Monica Cafferky, 54, lives in Huddersfield, West Yorkshire**

"I'm the first to admit that I'm addicted to screens. I have an iPad, an iPhone, a desktop computer and a laptop. The only time my mobile is switched off, or I'm away from a screen, is when I'm walking my dog Monkey or doing yoga – otherwise a device is pretty much always within arm's length. I even watch Netflix in the bath.

So when I heard about UK Unplugging Day I was intrigued. Talking to Anna Black, author of Unplug and Unwind, I learnt that the benefits of less screen-time include reduced stress and anxiety, enhanced focus, increased physical activity and stronger relationships.

Anna told me: "Technology helps us to stay connected with others, shop online and have the latest news at our fingertips, but we can easily become enslaved to our devices with unhealthy patterns of use.'

Being chronically on screens, I wondered if I might fall into the category of "unhealthy use" and decided to try a digital detox day one Sunday, logging off from 8am to 8pm. Could I survive a day offline? On Sunday mornings I usually read the papers on my iPad, but not today. Instead, I walked to the corner shop and picked up a pile of print, chatting with the newsagent. More activity, more social interaction, tick.

> **"At lunch John and I talked with no beeps or bleeps to distract us. It was lovely**

After my morning walk with Monkey it was 10am - time for a cup of tea and my usual browse of Vinted and eBay. I remembered online shopping was out and felt disappointed. Instead, I baked banana bread from memory. As I couldn't check the recipe online the results tasted disgusting. Too much baking powder, not enough honey - cake binned.

Over lunch at 1pm my partner John and I talked, with no texts, beeps or bleeps to distract us. It was lovely. I then read for a bit while Monkey and John snoozed.

By 2pm, though, I was twiddling my thumbs. So, as Netflix was out, I hooked up the old record player in the living room, which hadn't been used for months.

I spent two fun hours reminiscing via our music collection. Oddly, by 6pm I still had no overpowering urge to check Instagram or Facebook, I knew it would be there later. What I was missing, however, was online shopping. I realised my FOMO was linked to bargains on Vinted. As 8pm rolled round, after dinner and more chatting, I was pleased to have completed the digital detox. I learnt my screen issues aren't connected to social media, emails or texts but online shopping, and this impulse is something I can work on.

Living totally screen free for the day, my mind felt less cluttered – a win.

Also I moved more and talked to John. I decided to do it the following Sunday too. John - and Monkey - will be pleased."



A TOUCH OF MUSIC Two fun hours having a vinyl time




SCREENING Niamh has peace of mind

Niamh Kirk was told she had abnormal cells after her first routine smear test. Here, for Cervical Screening Awareness Week, Niamh, 25, from Leicestershire, shares what happened, how she had treatment to remove the cells, and why it's so important every woman should have their test

Smear tests can be daunting, especially when it's your first one. And as crucial as they are, many women remain unclear on what actually happens during an appointment, and why we have them in the first place. So, as it's Cervical Screening Awareness Week, I'm here to share my story.

Every woman between the ages of 25 and 64 is invited to have a smear test, and they can be life-saving, as I found out. I was invited for my first just before I turned 25 and was nervous, but after some reassurance from my mum – and friends who had already had one – I booked myself in.

Smear tests, also known as cervical screening tests, are designed to check the health of a woman's cervix and also can help to find any abnormal changes before they turn into cancer. While most people's results come back negative, some can test positive for these abnormalities and I was one of them.

It's safe to say I am now a huge advocate for smear tests, and I would advise any woman to get one as soon as they can, because mine saved my life and I now realise the true importance of having one. While it can be a bit embarrassing and uncomfortable, it's five minutes that can stop cancer in its tracks and save your life.

### FRUSTRATED

Like many other women, I had no idea what HPV (human papillomavirus) was and thought the test was to check for cervical cancer. I was left with so many questions, not to mention the overwhelming emotions when I got a letter to say I had "abnormal cells" and had tested positive for "high risk" HPV.

I had to do a lot of googling and speaking to others who had gone through the same thing just to find what HPV actually was.

Almost all cervical cancers are caused by HPV (99.7 per cent).

I was extremely frustrated there was no proper guidance. All I was told was I needed a colposcopy and potentially some "treatment", depending on the outcome of the procedure.

High-risk HPV essentially means abnormal cells have been detected, which over time could turn cancerous if not treated. There are two types of HPV positive results. Being high risk meant I needed the life-saving surgery to remove them as my body was unable to do so. Low-risk HPV means the body

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hould be able to naturally fight the ells off and return to normal. omen in the low-risk category just d another smear test in a year's ne to check it has disappeared.

Having the routine smear test was absolutely fine. It was over within five minutes. I asked the nurse about the results and she said I'd be sent a letter in a few weeks. She told me they checked for HPV, but I had nothing to worry about. However, four days after my smear test, I got a phone call from the hospital.

They told me my results had come back showing abnormal cells and I shouldn't worry, but I needed a colposcopy and possibly some treatment to eradicate the cells. They booked me in for the following Tuesday and told me I had also been sent a letter putting it in writing. I was impressed by how quickly it had all been put through, but nevertheless, I was petrified.

> **I felt myself getting angry at the sheer lack of information out there**

I was now convinced I had cervical cancer thanks to Doctor Google and felt myself getting increasingly angry at the sheer lack of information out there.

Only last month, leading charity Jo's Cervical Cancer Trust went into administration, after providing support for two decades – a crushing blow when more awareness is desperately needed.

A colposcopy is a further examination of the cervix – a bit like a more in-depth smear test – where nurses are able to see if there are abnormalities in the cervix cells. Again, I had no clue what "treatment" meant in this context. The days running up to my appointment at the hospital felt painstakingly slow. At this point, I was so overwhelmed, I still felt certain I had cancer and I was struggling. When the day finally came for my colposcopy, they could see abnormal cells and told me I needed a treatment called a large loop excision of the transformation zone (LLETZ). This is when I finally started to get some answers.

The nurse was brilliant at reassuring me, and while I had no idea I was having surgery that day when I walked into the hospital, they did all they could to keep me calm. My mum was right by my side, and the nurse told me everything that was about to happen and that they were about to remove the part of the affected cervix. While it was all a blur, the only bit I registered was they were about to use a heated wire loop to remove the abnormal cells. According to the NHS, mild abnormalities don't always need to be treated, but if needed, the aim is to remove the abnormal cervical cells while preserving as much normal tissue as possible. They estimate that less than one in 1,000 women referred for colposcopy are found to have cervical cancer that requires immediate treatment. I was that one in 1,000.

## CHANGES

LLETZ removes a small part of the cervix and it can be used to treat cervical cell changes (abnormal cells) or early-stage cervical cancer, as well as to diagnose cervical cancer. It uses a thin wire loop with an electrical current to remove the affected area.

Even though I was having surgery, I was an outpatient, but thankfully I had a lot of support and my own room. To say I wasn't in pain would be a lie – I was given a local anaesthetic in my cervix which makes me cross my legs at the thought of it – but it was over in under 10 minutes. I was so glad my mum was able to stay with me, I squeezed her hand tightly during the procedure.

On the LLETZ treatment, the NHS states: "Removing abnormal cervical cells is usually successful (about a 90 per cent success rate). You should be invited for a follow-up cervical screening test to check that the treatment has been successful."

And six months later, I had another smear test to check everything had gone smoothly. I was very nervous about the results, even though medics were almost certain the surgery had been successful. Luckily it was and I was so pleased to know I no longer had to worry. I now have to have a smear test every year, rather than every three years like most women, but I truly value the peace of mind this gives me.

If I had put off having that very first smear test, I would be in a very different position today.

If I hadn't gone for my screening, those abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous, resulting in a devastating cancer diagnosis. Each year 3,200 women are diagnosed with cervical cancer and five-year survival currently stands at 67.4%.

> **If I'd put it off, the abnormal cells would have likely turned cancerous**

The NHS Cervical Screening Programme was introduced in 1988 and in its first 20 years, contributed to cervical cancer cases falling by a third. This is why smear tests are important – they're the best protection against developing cervical cancer. They can prevent an estimated 75 per cent of diagnoses.

A more recent development in cervical cancer prevention is the HPV vaccination programme. The vaccination, offered to girls aged 11-17 since 2008, protects against 70 per cent of cervical cancers.

Don't be scared – go for your smear test. It could just save your life.

**■ If you have any concerns about cervical cancer or smear tests, it's always best to speak to your GP. Find more information and support at eveappeal.org.uk/supporting-you and the NHS website**

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## Beauty news

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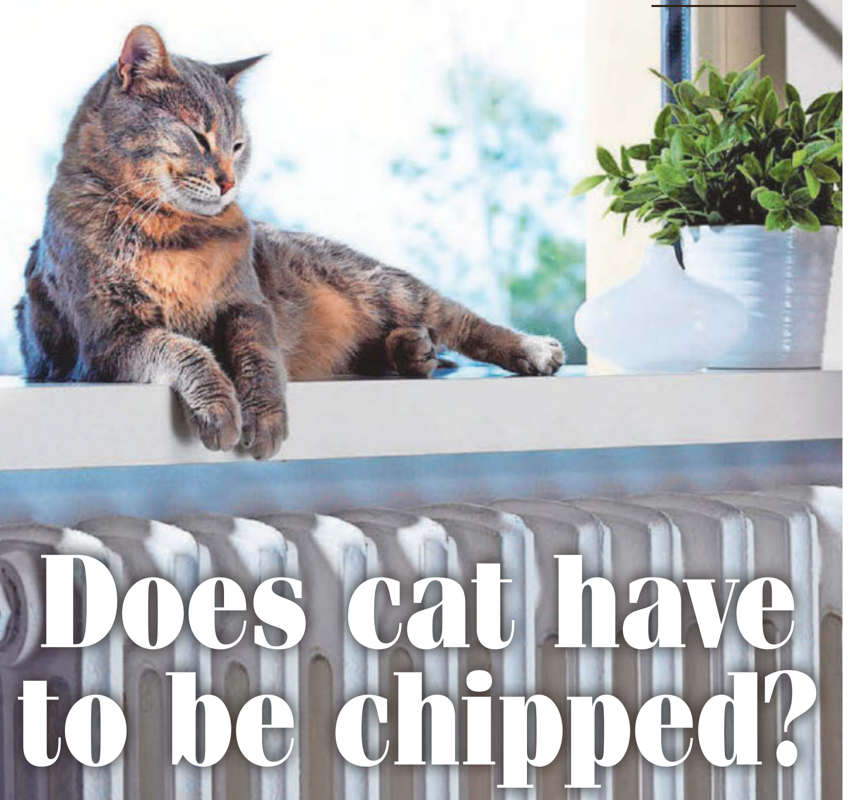
■ Bobbi Brown's much-loved Shadow Sticks have had a baby, and new Long-Wear Cream Liner Sticks, £29.50 each (bobbibrown.co.uk), have the same easy-to-use eye colour formula now available in a precision-tipped eyeliner pen. Whether your style is a simple line or feline flick, foolproof application awaits every time.




■ The OGs of pore correction, Benefit, have done it again with The Porefessional Shrink Wrap, £41.50 (benefitcosmetics.com), an overnight treatment combining exfoliating AHAs and BHAs to refine skin texture, clear pores and reduce their appearance with niacinamide. Use one to three times a week.

**Compiled by HANNAH BRITT**





# Does cat have to be chipped?

## Pampered Pets

### OUR VET DAVID GRANT WORKS HIS MAGIC

**Q It is now compulsory for all cats to be microchipped, but does this apply to indoor cats that never go out? Our seven-year-old neutered male cat is always indoors and we question the need for him to be microchipped.**

**A** New regulations to introduce compulsory microchipping for cats came into force last Monday.

All cats must now be microchipped before 20 weeks of age, along with others not previously microchipped. The regulations apply whether a cat goes out or is always indoors, and non-compliance can result in a substantial fine.

The charity Cats Protection estimates that 24 per cent of owned cats are not microchipped, with thousands of owners not sure whether it has been done.

The cat rescue centres are flooded with cats that are either abandoned or have got lost. A microchip is the best way lost cats can be reunited with their owners. Similar regulations in 2015 for dogs resulted in over 90 per cent being microchipped, up from 75 per cent. It's a great benefit to rescue societies and for those many dogs that were subsequently reunited with their owners.

The procedure is no different from a routine injection, with a small chip injected under the skin. It contains all the cat's details stored on a government-approved database.

These details can be retrieved by vets or charities by using a scanner. It's important, and part of the regulations, to keep details up to date.

For further detailed information go to the Cats Protection website at cats.org.uk and check out their 'microchipping your cat' section.

**Q We have a nine-month-old poodle cross male neutered dog. He was a rescue and has settled in nicely. His only problem is dandruff along his back. We have tried some human anti-dandruff shampoos without success. Can you recommend a suitable shampoo?**

**A** You also mention that there are so many recommended shampoos online for the problem that you don't know where to start.

Although the internet is useful in some respects, it cannot make a diagnosis for a pet ailment. For that you need a vet.

Dandruff in dogs is something that does require an accurate diagnosis because some of the causes can lead to skin problems in their owners. Human shampoos are not formulated for dogs and are unsuitable.

An important cause of dandruff is the mite Cheyletiella. This is usually in young dogs or puppies, particularly those from a poor environment.

Initially there is dandruff, which without specific treatment becomes very noticeable. Later, allergy to the mites develops causing the dog to continually scratch.

Close contact between dog and owner allows the mites to transfer. Allergy to the bites often results in owners developing a rash. Once diagnosed, veterinary prescribed anti-parasitic treatment is highly effective.

There are many other possible causes, for example other parasites, dietary deficiencies, allergies and yeast infections.

Further investigation would be required and there are veterinary formulated shampoos your vet can prescribe.

● *David Grant has been a vet for more than 50 years. Email questions to him at pamperedpets@express.co.uk. He cannot enter into individual correspondence.*

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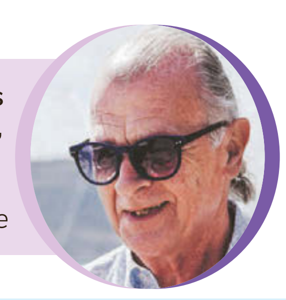
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**The Crusader** Fighting for your rights

By MAISHA FROST

# Left in a state over pension payments

“I’M GOING out of my mind with worry” were the desperate words Crusader received in an email from a widow recently after her state pension payments suddenly ceased.

Like millions of others, Ginny Martin relies on her pension for her main source of income and when it stopped with no warning, it was a huge shock. But worse was to come as she tried to find out what had happened and to get it reinstated.

When matters go awry in general they can now take longer to fix in these post-pandemic times as businesses and public organisations cope with fewer resources.

One of the trigger factors that can lead to problems is when consumers need to update their details, for example after a change of address.

This was the case for Ginny, 72, who had moved home in July last year and duly notified the Pension Service. “They asked about my change of circumstances. I told them that my address was the only one,” she said.

“When I sold my house and bought a new one, I put the small £20,000 profit I made into a tax-free ISA. I’ve no other savings to fall back on and am reliant on my pension. Payments for this stopped in January.”

After that Ginny says she called the number for change of circumstances, but never managed to get through. “I’ve written to the Pension Service three times – but so far no reply,” she added,

As the months ticked by Ginny saw her debts increase. “My health is not good and finding a job at my age is difficult,” she explained. “I managed to get a bank overdraft but that comes with fees and I have also borrowed from friends. I feel it’s all becoming too much and I will never be able to get to the bottom of what has gone on.”

Stressing the impending emergency, Crusader asked the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) to investigate. Now the deadlock has been broken with a terrific result.

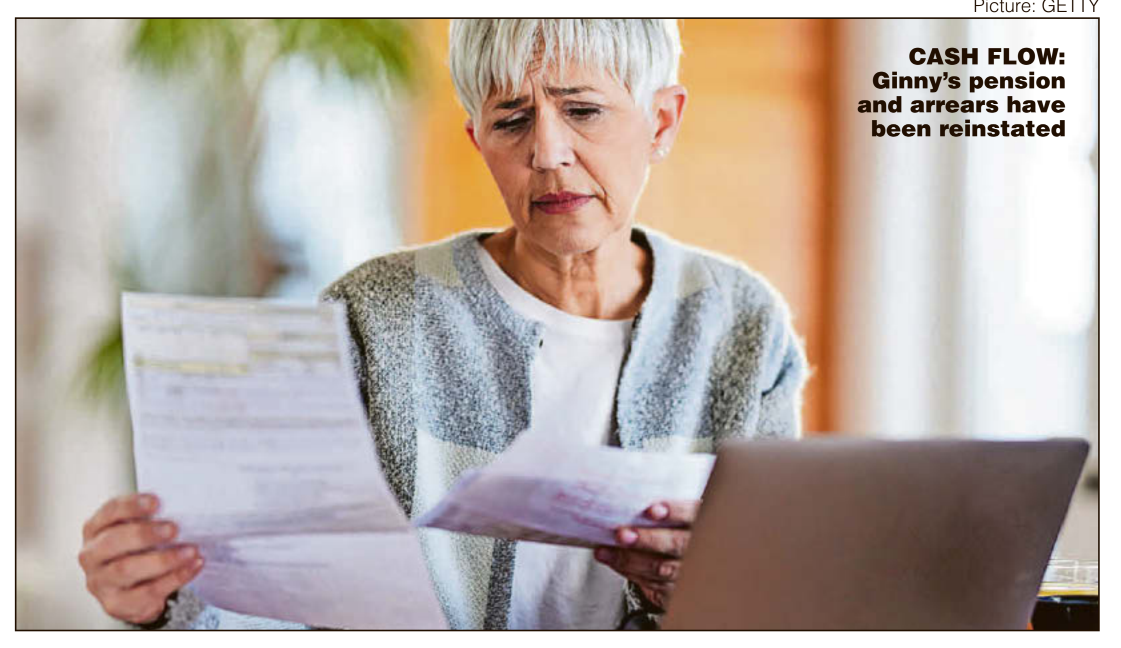
“We are sorry for the distress caused to and have reinstated her state pension and issued arrears owed.

“When errors occur, we are committed to fixing them as soon as we possibly can.” a DWP spokesperson commented.

Ginny is £4,476 better off and the relief she feels is priceless. “I could never have done this on my own,” she said when thanking Crusader.

● *Ginny’s name has been changed*

Picture: GETTY



**CASH FLOW: Ginny’s pension and arrears have been reinstated**

**TAKE the tent buyback pledge and leave the fun with a clean sheet – that’s the invitation to festival goers from sporting goods retailer Decathlon which is offering refunds on 10 of its tent models to stop them being ditched at events. Around 250,000 tents are abandoned each year in the UK with most ending up in landfill. Refunds take the form of a gift card and Decathlon will clean and resell the leftovers through its Second Life programme.**

● ***decathlon.co.uk***

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# A whole new call game

NOT so long ago (although probably longer ago than I'm thinking it was; isn't that always the way?) I wrote about actress Sally Lindsay and the latest drama she'd made for Channel 5.

Love Rat, I think it was called. Or I Love Rats.

Something like that.

Anyway, the point I made was that Sally was particularly adept at playing the type of character she was playing in this show. Namely, a kindly soul with an over-trusting nature. One who always thinks the best of others, even total strangers – only to be reminded, rather



**Mike Ward previews tonight's TV**

too late, that this is a bad idea, especially if you're a character in a TV drama, and even more especially if you're played by Sally Lindsay. Sooner or later (usually sooner), you're going to get shafted.

My problem, much as I love Sally, is that the more of these roles she's taken on, the greater my exasperation has become, as a viewer. "For heaven's sake, not again, Sal!" I want to shout, as she's taken in by yet another rat/cad/rotter. "Will you never learn?!"

So you can imagine my reaction when, within the first 10 minutes of the thriller you can see her in at *9pm* tonight, she lets it happen yet again. This time, playing care worker June, she's taken a call from a stranger who's told her: "We've noticed some unusual activity on your account."

And, rather than giving this caller the recommended response in these situations – namely, thanking him for alerting her to the problem, then calmly asking if he'd be kind enough, while he's on the line, to assist her further by inserting a red-hot poker in his bottom – she's ended up transferring £83,000 into his account.

"But that's precisely the con you fell for five years ago!" I find myself yelling, "in the *Channel 5* drama **COLD CALL**, where you played a care worker called June, who was conned out of £83,000 after a scammer told her: 'We've noticed some unusual…'."

And then it dawns on me. It's me who's the twit, not Sal. What I'm watching here is a repeat. Cold Call was first shown in 2019, over four consecutive nights. Channel 5 have dusted it off so they can do that again, this time as an alternative to the football from tonight until Thursday.

So, yes, this first episode is for people who glance down the schedules, notice that **LIVE UEFA EURO 2024** (*7.15pm*, *ITV1*) is offering Austria vs France and, for some reason, don't immediately think: "Great! That's my evening sorted."

Which may turn out to include me, because although I now remember how Cold Call starts, I still have now idea how it ends.

Unlike the football, which will end two-nil to France. Trust me.

## PICKS OF THE DAY



**Factual:** The Hospital: Life On The Line, C5, 10pm

The fascinating fly-on-the-wall series at Clydebank's Golden Jubilee University National Hospital continues with more tales of impressive care. The site hosts around a fifth of the UK's heart transplant operations every year. One of those is needed for 48-year-old Joanna, who urgently needs a new heart. But it's a race against time after two failed attempts to find a viable organ for her, as her health takes a significant turn for the worse. We also follow 21-year-old Hayley's progress. The social work student – who has the rare congenital heart condition "tetralogy of Fallot" – is facing a seven-hour open-heart op to replace one of her heart valves.

**Film:** Dirty Harry, 5Action, 9pm

A classic, starring Clint Eastwood (left). This gritty, exciting crime thriller tells the story of "Dirty" Harry Callahan, a San Francisco cop caught in a dangerous dilemma. When the hard-boiled Callahan is put on the case of a sniper who's murdered a young girl, he soon clashes with his bosses about whether to pay the killer off with a ransome to prevent further deaths. To make matters worse, he's saddled with a rookie partner. First movie of the Dirty Harry film series.



**Current Affairs:** Dead Calm: Killing In The Med?, BBC2, 9pm

An unflinching examination of events surrounding the June 2023 migrant boat disaster off the coast of Greece. Around 600 people were presumed dead after the crowded trawler Adriana capsized on its way from Libya to Europe, having been drifting after an apparent loss of power several hours before. Survivors' accounts suggested the Greek coastguard was at fault – a suggestion the authorities deny.



**Film:** Stan & Ollie, BBC1, 11.40pm

Steve Coogan and John C Reilly (above) star as the iconic entertainers, Stan Laurel and Oliver Hardy, in this biographical comedy drama. It's 1953 and – following a bitter split from the Hollywood studios years before – the jaded duo set out on a tour of Britain's music halls. But when audiences don't come, and Stan can't sell his new screenplay, the pair's friendship comes under strain.

**History:** Britain's Pompeii: A Village Lost In Time, BBC4, 10pm

Investigating the intriguing case of why a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age village in the Cambridgeshire Fens was razed to the ground. Professor Alice Roberts (right) presents this interesting investigation into a fiery tragedy that befell the ancient site – and left clues in the incredibly well-preserved remains – hence the Pompeii comparison – in the peat below. Was the blaze simply a dreadful accident, or was the wealthy village attacked by a marauding enemy?



**DID YOU KNOW?** Hollywood actor Clint Eastwood learned to mountain climb for his 1975 action thriller The Eiger Sanction. In the film we see Eastwood, not a stuntman, hanging off the mountain by a single rope.

**Today's TV previews are on the previous page**

All programmes are listed in British Summer Time (BST).

**film ratings**

★★★★★ Brilliant
★★★★ Very Good
★★★ Good
★★ Average
★ Bad

(R) Repeat

## BBC One

**6.00am Breakfast** News headlines.
**9.30 Morning Live** Magazine.
**10.45 Scam Interceptors** A woman who might have withdrawn thousands of pounds to post on to scammers.
**11.15 Homes Under the Hammer** Featuring properties in Eastbourne, Grimsby and Worcestershire. (R)
**12.15pm Bargain Hunt** Two teams compete in and around an antiques centre in Elsecar.
**1.00 BBC News at One; Weather**
**1.30** LIVE **MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024** Romania v Ukraine (kick-off 2.00pm). Mark Chapman presents coverage of the Group E match from Munich Football Arena.
**4.15 Garden Rescue** Creating a sensory garden in Luton. (R)
**4.45 Antiques Road Trip** Debut road tripper Hettie Jago takes on dealer David Harper. (R)
**5.15 Pointless** Quiz show. (R)
**6.00 BBC News at Six; Weather**
**6.30 Regional News; Weather**
**6.55 Party Election Broadcast** By The Workers Party Of Britain.

## BBC Two

**6.45am Bargain Hunt** (R)
**7.30 Clive Myrie's Caribbean Adventure** In Barbados. (R)
**8.00 Sign Zone: Mammals** (R)
**9.00 BBC News**
**12.15pm Politics Live** Reports.
**1.00** LIVE **Tennis: Queen's** The cinch Championships. Clare Balding presents coverage of day one of the tournament at Queen's Club, featuring the first round. Carlos Alcaraz was victorious last year, losing his very first set in the tournament, but not dropping another one throughout. He then went on to win Wimbledon, becoming the first man to win both tournaments in the same year since Andy Murray in 2016.
**6.00 Richard Osman's House of Games** With Jasmine Harman, Dave Johns, Suzannah Lipscomb and Jason Mohammad. (R)
**6.30 Robson Green's Weekend Escapes** The actor explores the north-east of England, with former Newcastle United striker Les Ferdinand joining him in the first edition. (R)

## ITV1

**6.00am Good Morning Britain** News and current affairs.
**9.00 Lorraine** Entertainment and the latest fashion news.
**10.00 This Morning** Topical daily magazine, featuring a mix of celebrity chat, showbusiness news, advice and discussion. Including Local Weather.
**12.30pm Loose Women** Debate.
**1.30 ITV News; Weather**
**1.55 Regional News; Weather**
**2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal** David Dickinson and his team are at the Royal Air Force Museum Cosford, where Mark Stevens is in high spirits when a Graf Zeppelin towel turns up and Simon Schneider sets his sights on a diamond brooch. (R)
**3.00 Lingo** Word-based quiz show, hosted by Adil Ray. (R)
**4.00 Regional News; Weather**
**4.05 ITV Evening News**; Weather
**4.15** LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Belgium v Slovakia (kick-off 5.00pm). The Group E match from Frankfurt Arena, in what is the first competitive meeting between the nations.

## Channel 4

**6.25am Cheers** Double bill. (R)
**7.15 Everybody Loves Raymond** Four episodes. (R)
**9.05 Frasier** Four episodes. (R)
**11.05 Great Canal Journeys** (R)
**12.05pm Channel 4 News**
**12.10 Help! We Bought a Village** (R)
**1.10 Car S.O.S** Fuzz and Tim restore the smallest car they have ever worked on. (R)
**2.10 Countdown** Greg Rusedski is the guest in Dictionary Corner.
**3.00 A Place in the Sun** Double bill. From Albufeira, Portugal; Jasmine Harman helps a couple to find a retirement home in Valencia. (R)
**5.00 Sun, Sea and Selling Houses** Sharon and Steve are judges at a dog rescue charity's fundraising event.
**6.00 Four in a Bed** The competition commences in Leyburn in North Yorkshire. (R)
**6.30 The Simpsons** A construction project causes the local graveyard to be moved next to the family's home – to the dismay of Lisa, who begins to suffer nightmares. (R)

## Channel 5

**6.00am Milkshake!** Children's TV.
**9.15 Jeremy Vine** Discussion.
**11.15 Storm Huntley** Debate.
**12.45pm Friends** Double bill. (R)
**1.40 5 News at Lunchtime**
**1.45 Home and Away** Bree considers moving on. (R)
**2.20** FILM **Revenge for My Mother** (2022, PG) When her assistant secretly starts exacting revenge, the perfect world of a woman who teaches post-natal fitness is shattered. Crime thriller, starring Sami Nye. ★★
**4.00 Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun** James and Peter organise a coach trip to Nerja, a scenic coastal town just east of Málaga, and selling tickets from their shop in Mollina seems to have boosted the numbers involved. (R)
**5.00 5 News at 5**
**6.00 Party Election Broadcast** By the Conservative Party.
**6.05 Police Interceptors** A dangerous driver tears across the pavement. (R); Followed by 5 News Update



**9pm, LOST BOYS AND FAIRIES:** Sion Daniel Young



**6.30pm, ROBSON GREEN'S WEEKEND ESCAPES:** Robson





**7.15pm, LIVE UEFA EURO 2024:** Kylian Mbappe





**8pm, BAKE OFF…:** Benoit and Cherish



**10pm, THE HOSPITAL: LIFE ON THE LINE:** Hospital staff

## 7

**BBC One**
**7.00 The One Show** Alex Jones and Clara Amfo share topical stories and celebrity chat.
**7.30 EastEnders** Stevie, Billy and Howie go on a Father's Day fishing trip with their sons but Billy is concerned when Stevie calls him by the wrong name.

**BBC Two**
**7.00 Your Garden Made Perfect** Tom Massey and Helen Elks-Smith come up with alternative designs for garden in St Albans, Hertfordshire. But the owners want different things. Presented by Angela Scanlon. (R)

**ITV1**
**7.15** LIVE **UEFA Euro 2024** Austria v France (kick-off 8.00pm). Coverage of the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kick off their campaigns. Despite reaching the final of the 2022 World Cup and winning the 2018 edition, Didier Deschamps' France haven't enjoyed the same success at the Euros in recent years, and lost on penalties to Switzerland in the last 16 three years ago. They qualified for these finals by finishing top of their group, ending the qualifying campaign unbeaten and dropping only two points across their eight group games. Austria made it through to their third consecutive European Championship finals by finishing second behind Belgium in qualifying, winning six of their eight matches. This is only their fourth appearance at this event in their history, and they have yet to make it as far as the quarter-finals. With commentary by Sam Matterface and Lee Dixon.

**Channel 4**
**7.00 Channel 4 News** A round-up of all the latest headlines, in-depth interviews and analysis of political developments and current affairs. Plus, sports stories.
**7.55 Party Election Broadcast** By the Labour Party.

**Channel 5**
**7.00 Traffic Cops** PC Andy Swift is patrolling on the M1 when a car he flags down speeds off. A chase at speeds up to 120mph ensues. Sgt Steve Hughes uses his experience to help with a drunk man. (R); Followed by 5 News Update

## 8

**BBC One**
**8.00 Panorama** In-depth current affairs report covering a story behind the headlines.
**8.30 Make It at Market** Presenter Dominic Chinea and mentor Alice offer a woodturner and an upcycler advice on marketing their businesses.

**BBC Two**
**8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life Beyond the Lobby** Monica Galetti and Rob Rinder visit Glenapp Castle, which is located near Ballantrae in South Ayrshire. The team at this five-star hotel have gone to extraordinary lengths to deliver a unique experience for their guests. (R)

**Channel 4**
**8.00 Bake Off: The Professionals** The four best teams from the last round take on pastry week. In their first challenge, the teams must turn their hand to viennoiserie, and make 18 pain Suisse and 24 savoury brioche doughnuts.

**Channel 5**
**8.00 Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** PC Jan Simlesa is called to a vehicle causing traffic chaos in the Tyne Tunnel, with workers having escorted the driver from his car, suspecting he is high on drugs.

## 9

**BBC One**
**9.00 Lost Boys and Fairies** The repercussions of a catastrophic event changes Andy and Gabe's life forever, and puts the adoption into jeopardy. Will Jake find his forever home? Sion Daniel Young stars. Last in series.

**BBC Two**
**9.00 Dead Calm: Killing in the Med?** A look at the events surrounding the disaster off the coast of Greece in June 2023, when around 600 people were presumed to have died after a trawler overturned. Accounts of survivors suggested that the Greek coastguard was at fault, something the authorities deny.

**Channel 4**
**9.00 24 Hours in A&E** The stories of three mothers who have triumphed over extraordinary adversity. One was diagnosed with cervical cancer, one has suffered the death of a child, and another bringing up a child who needed extra care.

**Channel 5**
**9.00 Cold Call** June Clarke loses the money from the sale of her house to fraudsters and attends a support group for victims of scams where she meets old school mate Des Grigsby. He persuades her to take a caring job caring. (R)

## 10

**BBC One**
**10.00 BBC News at Ten**
**10.30 Regional News; Weather**
**10.40 MOTD: UEFA Euro 2024 Highlights** Alex Scott presents the latest action from Germany, featuring Romania v Ukraine, Belgium v Slovakia and Austria v France.

**BBC Two**
**10.30 Newsnight** The day's important national and international news stories, with Victoria Derbyshire.

**ITV1**
**10.30 ITV News; Weather**

**Channel 4**
**10.00 Football Cops** As England take on Germany in the Nations League, the team work with German police to stop the drunken revelry getting out of control as England fans enjoy the sunshine and beer.

**Channel 5**
**10.00 The Hospital: Life on the Line** Joanna, 48, urgently needs a heart transplant, but her health takes a dramatic turn for the worse. Social work student Hayley, 21, has a rare condition and is facing seven hours of open-heart surgery.

## 11

**BBC One**
**11.40** FILM **Stan & Ollie** (2018, PG) Biopic of Laurel and Hardy, focusing on the events of 1953 as the duo try to re-ignite their film careers by embarking on a gruelling tour of British variety halls. Steve Coogan and John C Reilly star. ★★★★

**BBC Two**
**11.05 Hidden Treasures of the National Trust** At Oxburgh Hall, on the edge of the Norfolk fenlands, two rare hidden treasures - a rat's nest found under floorboards containing scraps of clothes that could be centuries old. (R)

**ITV1**
**11.00 Regional News; Weather**
**11.10 Long Lost Family: Born Without Trace** Liz, who was left in a shopping basket under a hedge in Birmingham and Susanne, who was left in an East London phone box, search for their families. (R)

**Channel 4**
**11.05 24 Hours in Police Custody** The story of a brutal premeditated knife and gun attack on the doorstep of a man's house in Luton, where the police fight against the odds to identify those responsible. (R)

**Channel 5**
**11.05 999: Critical Condition** Barry is brought into resus with suspected sepsis. Meanwhile, after her horse threw her to the ground, Lucy suffered significant nerve damage that could mean that she is paralysed. (R)

## 12 midnight

**BBC One**
**1.15am** Euro 2024 Match Replay. Austria v France. A chance to see the Group D match from Dusseldorf Arena, as both teams kicked off their campaigns. With commentary by Guy Mowbray. **2.55** Weather for the Week Ahead. A look ahead to the latest forecast. **3.00-6.00am** BBC News

**BBC Two**
**12.05am** Sign Zone: Countryfile. In southwest Wales. (R) **1.00** Sign Zone: The Panorama Interviews with Nick Robinson (R) **1.30** Sign Zone: Springwatch (R) **2.30** Sign Zone: Great British Railway Journeys (R) **3.00** Sign Zone: David & Jay's Touring Toolshed (R) **3.30-6.45am** This Is BBC Two

**ITV1**
**12.15am** Shop on TV **3.00** Wheel of Fortune. Graham Norton hosts as Hannah, Samuel and Sophie compete. (R) **3.50** Unwind with ITV. Daily escape designed to calm the mind. **5.05-6.00am** Ainsley's World Cup Flavours. Cookery show in which Ainsley Harriott combines food and football. (R)

**Channel 4**
**12.05am** 999: On the Front Line (R) **1.00** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (R) **1.50** The Simpsons: double bill (R) **2.40** We Are Lady Parts: double bill (R) **3.45** Iris Prize Best British Shorts **4.00** Grand Designs Australia (R) **4.55** Frasier: double bill (R) **5.45-6.25am** Countdown (R)

**Channel 5**
**12.05am** Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts (R) **1.00** Casino Show **3.00** Secret Scotland with Susan Calman (R) **3.45** How to Add 20k to Your Home (R) **4.30** Wildlife SOS (R) **4.55** House Doctor (R) **5.20** Entertainment News on 5 (R) **5.25** Fireman Sam (R) **5.35-6.00am** Paw Patrol (R)

## ITV2 Freeview 6

**6.00am** CITV **9.00** World's Funniest Videos **9.30** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **10.00** Love Bites **12.00noon** Dress to Impress **1.00** Deal or No Deal **2.00** Family Fortunes **3.00** Veronica Mars **4.00** Dawson's Creek. Teen drama. **5.00** Celebrity Supermarket Sweep

**6.00 Celebrity Catchphrase**

**7.00 Deal or No Deal** Gameshow.

**8.00** NEW **The Masked Singer US** Nick Cannon hosts as three celebrities in elaborate costumes sing for panellists Ken Jeong, Jenny McCarthy-Wahlberg, Nicole Scherzinger and Robin Thicke.

**9.00 Love Island** The couples make the most of an unforgettable summer of love.

**10.05 Olivia Attwood: The Price of Perfection** Breast enhancements.

**11.05 Family Guy** Animated double bill.

**12.05am** American Dad! **1.05** Celebrity Karaoke Club **2.10** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records **2.40** Unwind with ITV **3.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

## ITVBe Freeview 28

**7.05am** Sugar Showdown **7.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **8.35** Masters of Flip **9.35** Buying and Selling **10.35** The Real Housewives of Cheshire **11.35** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **12.30pm** The Real Housewives of New Jersey **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex **2.15** Dinner Date **3.15** Million Dollar Listing: LA **4.10** The Real Housewives of Atlanta **5.00** The Real Housewives of Salt Lake City

**6.00 Masters of Flip** A creative design.

**7.00 Million Dollar Listing: LA** Tracy makes big plans to expand her territory.

**8.00 Dinner Date** Leah is given five menus, each put together by a blind date.

**9.00 The Real Housewives of Cheshire** The Housewives join Brian Dowling to discuss Series 17. Last in series.

**10.00 The Real Housewives of Miami** Lisa's romantic night doesn't go to plan.

**11.00 The Only Way Is Essex**

**11.50 Ready to Mingle**

**12.50-1.00am** Unwind with ITV

## BBC3 Freeview 23

**7.00pm Celebrity MasterChef** Su Pollard, Rita Simons, Duncan James, Bez and Munya Chawawa compete in the first heat, which starts with a brand new challenge.

**8.00 The Traitors US** There's a new arrival at Alan's castle in the Scottish Highlands. The Faithful have a cunning plan to fight back, and one of the Traitors is in the hot seat.

**9.00** FILM **Dear Evan Hansen** (2021, 12) Film adaptation of the Tony and Grammy Award-winning musical about Evan Hansen, a high-school senior with a social anxiety disorder. Starring Ben Platt. ★★★★

**11.10 Dubai Hustle** Double bill.

**12.10am** I Kissed a Boy: The Reunion **12.55** Confessions of a Teenage Fraudster **1.40** Boot Dreams: Now or Never **2.40** Dubai Hustle **3.10** A Better Place **3.20-3.50am** Doctor Who: Unleashed

## BBC4 Freeview 9

**7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys** A visit to the University of Glasgow's Officer Training Corps. He then heads to Helensburgh.

**7.30 Villages by the Sea** Archaeologist Ben Robinson visits Bamburgh in Northumberland.

**8.00 Digging for Britain** Alice Roberts visits a location in the Cotswolds.

**9.00 Archaeology: A Secret History** Richard Miles charts the history of archaeological breakthroughs.

**10.00 Britain's Pompeii: A Village Lost in Time** Excavating a 3,000-year-old Bronze Age village.

**11.00 Queen Victoria's Letters: A Monarch Unveiled** Conclusion. The years after Prince Albert's death.

**12.00m't** Treasures of the Indus **1.00** Great British Railway Journeys **1.30** Villages by the Sea **2.00** Archaeology: A Secret History **3.00-4.00am** Digging for Britain

## GB News F'view 236

**6.00am** Breakfast with Eamonn and Isabel **9.30** Britain's Newsroom **12.00noon** Good Afternoon Britain **3.00** Martin Daubney

**6.00 Dewbs & Co** Michelle Dewberry delivers her take on the day's news.

**7.00 Vote 2024: The People Decide** Complete coverage of the general election campaign. All the twists and turns as parties try to win votes and the keys to Number 10.

**8.00 State of the Nation** The countdown to election day is on. Exploring the issues that matter as the parties attempt to win your vote and the keys to Number 10.

**9.00 Patrick Christys Tonight**

**11.00 Headliners** Paper review.

**12.00m't** Vote 2024: The People Decide **1.00** State of the Nation **2.00** Headliners Replay **3.00** Patrick Christys Tonight Replay **5.00-6.00am** Headliners Replay

## Dave Freeview 19

**7.10am** Cop Car Workshop **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK **9.00** James May's 20th Century **10.00** Top Gear **12.00noon** Storage Hunters UK: four episodes **2.00** Extreme Fishing with Robson Green **3.00** Top Gear **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Chicken and Egg

**6.00 Rick Stein's Secret France**

**7.00 Would I Lie to You? At Christmas** With Ray Winstone and Rachel Riley.

**7.35 Richard Osman's House of Games**

**9.00 QI XL** With guest panellists Sean Lock, David Mitchell and Danny Baker.

**10.00 QI** With guests Susan Calman, Maisie Adam and Josh Widdicombe.

**11.00 Taskmaster** Joe Thomas grapples grumpily with some awkward hand-wear.

**12.00m't** Mock the Week. Comedy quiz show. **12.40** Alan Davies: As Yet Untitled **1.40** Dave Gorman: Modern Life Is Goodish **2.45** Live at the Apollo **3.30-4.00am** Whose Line Is It Anyway? USA **4.00-6.00am** Teleshopping

## Drama Freeview 20

**6.00am** Teleshopping **7.10** London's Burning **8.00** Doctors **9.20** Classic Holby City **10.40** Classic Casualty **11.40** The Bill **12.40pm** Classic EastEnders **2.00** London's Burning **3.00** Lovejoy **4.10** Tenko **5.15** Birds of a Feather

**6.00 Waiting for God** Tom opts for a policy of complete honesty at all times.

**6.40 Are You Being Served?** The staff's holidays are threatened.

**7.20 Last of the Summer Wine** The trio meet a man testing for earthquakes.

**8.00 The Brokenwood Mysteries** Mike and his team investigate the murder of a host from a hit TV series.

**10.00 New Tricks** The body of a missing computer expert turns up in a morgue under a false name, so Strickland asks the team to investigate.

**11.20 Soldier, Soldier** A football match is cut short when trouble arises.

**12.30am** Footballers' Wives **1.35** Lovejoy **2.50-4.00am** Classic Holby City

## E4 Freeview 13

**6.00am** Hollyoaks **7.00** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **9.00** The Goldbergs **10.00** Young Sheldon **11.00** Modern Family **12.00noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes **2.00** The Goldbergs **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Young Sheldon **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill

**6.00 The Big Bang Theory** Double bill.

**7.00 Hollyoaks** Cleo gets a promotion.

**7.30 Come Dine with Me** In Edinburgh.

**8.00 Dance Moms** A ballet school scout is discovered to be attending the finals.

**9.00 Gogglebox** Opinions on The Graham Norton Show. From November 2021.

**10.00 Naked Attraction** Singletons from London and Wigan choose dates.

**11.05 First Dates** A laboratory engineer sits down for a meal with a lingerie designer.

**12.05am** The Big Bang Theory: double bill **1.10** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill **2.10** Modern Family **3.00** Dance Moms **3.50** Ramsay's Kitchen Nightmares USA **4.40-6.00am** The Neighborhood

## More4 Freeview 18

**8.55am** A Place in the Sun **10.25** A New Life in the Sun **11.25** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **12.30pm** Come Dine with Me **3.10** Four in a Bed: five episodes **5.50** Chateau DIY

**6.55 Car S.O.S** A 1992 Saab 900 Turbo.

**7.55 Grand Designs** Kevin follows an ambitious build in Cornwall, as Leigh and Richard transform a derelict 17th-century flour mill into a three-bedroom home.

**9.00 PopMaster TV** Contestants from West Yorkshire, London, Romford and north-west Wales take up Ken Bruce's challenge to recall facts and stats about their favourite chart toppers and beyond.

**10.00 8 Out of 10 Cats Does Countdown** Jimmy Carr hosts the popular quiz as Sean Lock and Roisin Conaty compete against Jon Richardson and Nish Kumar.

**11.05 24 Hours in A&E** A man arrives in resus with suspected internal bleeding.

**12.10am** Emergency Helicopter Medics **1.15** 999: On the Front Line **2.20** 24 Hours in A&E **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

## Variations & S4C

**WALES As BBC1 except: 1.15-1.25pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.30** BBC Wales Today; Weather **6.55** Party Election Broadcast. By Plaid Cymru. **7.00-7.30** Nick Servini Interviews… **8.30-9.00** Wales' Home of the Year. In Mid Wales and the Valleys, the judges choose between a 17th-century barn conversion in Monmouthshire, a semi-detached in Ebbw Vale, and a Georgian restoration near Llandeilo. **10.30-10.40pm** BBC Wales Today; Weather

**WALES As BBC2 except: 7.00pm** The One Show. Alex Jones and Clara Amfo present topical stories and celebrity chat. **7.30-8.00pm** Digging for Britain: The Greatest Discoveries

**MERIDIAN As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Meridian **4.00-4.05** ITV News Meridian **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Meridian

**CENTRAL As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Central **4.00-4.05** ITV News Central **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Central

**ITV WALES As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Cymru Wales **4.00-4.05** ITV News Cymru Wales at Six **11.00** ITV News Cymru Wales **11.10pm-12.15am** Election 24: Wales Debate

**WEST As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country **4.00-4.05** ITV News West Country **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News West Country

**ANGLIA As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News Anglia **4.00-4.05** ITV News Anglia **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News Anglia

**WESTCOUNTRY As ITV1 except: 1.55-2.00pm** ITV News West Country **4.00-4.05** ITV News West Country. The latest headlines. **11.00-11.10pm** ITV News West Country

**S4C 6.00am** Cyw **12.00noon** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **12.05pm** Sain Ffagan **12.30** Heno **1.00** Dan Do **1.30** Welsh Whisperer – Ni'n Teithio Nawr! **2.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **2.05** Prynhawn Da **3.00** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **3.05** Cymru Wyllt Gudd **4.00** Awr Fawr **5.00** Stwnsh Sadwrn **6.00** Colleen Ramsey: Bywyd a Bwyd **6.25** Darllediad Etholiadol **6.30** Rownd a Rownd **6.57** Newyddion S4C **7.00** Heno. Magazine. **7.30** Newyddion S4C a'r Tywydd **8.00** Y Byd yn ei Le. The latest from the Y Byd yn ei Le team on the 2024 election. **8.25** Garddio a Mwy **8.55** Newyddion **9.05** Ffermio **9.35** Ein Llwybrau Celtaidd **10.05** Gerddi Cymru **10.35-11.40pm** Prosiect Pum Mil

# Sport

## SKY SPORTS MAIN EVENT

**6.00am** Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Euros. Round-up of the all the news from the 2024 UEFA European Football Championship. **10.00** LIVE **Tennis** The Berlin Ladies Open. Day one of the WTA event, a grass-court tournament that takes place at Rot-Weiss Tennis Club in Germany, featuring matches in the first round. Fourth seed Ons Jabeur fell at the first hurdle to Jule Niemeier at this stage last year, and eventual champion Petra Kvitova got her tournament under way with a victory over Karolina Pliskova. **3.00pm** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. Coverage of the Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy in Tarouba, as the two countries meet for the first time in a T20 international. This is the final group game for both sides, with New Zealand looking to make it out of the group stages for the fourth consecutive time, while Papua New Guinea are playing at only their second T20 World Cup. **7.30** SSN Euro Matchday **9.00** SSN Euro Matchday **10.00** SSN Euro Report **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00** SSN Euro Report **1.00am** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. Coverage of the Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium in Gros Islet, St Lucia. **5.30-6.00am** SSN Euro Report. Football news.

## SKY SPORTS CRICKET

**6.00am** Best of ICC WT20 **7.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **2.10pm** Best of ICC WT20 **2.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup. Sri Lanka v Netherlands. **3.00** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** New Zealand v Papua New Guinea. The Group C match from Brian Lara Cricket Academy. **7.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **8.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **9.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **10.30** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **11.00** ICC Men's T20 World Cup **1.00am** LIVE **ICC Men's T20 World Cup** West Indies v Afghanistan. The Group C match from Daren Sammy National Cricket Stadium. **5.30-6.00am** ICC Men's T20 World Cup

## SKY SPORTS FOOTBALL

**6.00am** EFL **9.00** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** EFL Cup Retro **12.00noon** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** EFL Cup Highlights **2.00** EFL **6.00** EFL Greatest Games **7.00** EFL Cup Highlights **8.00** EFL **9.00** EFL **10.30** Best Moments From The Championship Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.00** Best Moments From The League 1 & 2 Play-Off Final (1993-2019) **11.30** Jimmy Glass: The Great Escape **12.00m't** EFL Greatest Games **1.00** Retro League One. Charlton Athletic v Sunderland. **3.00** EFL Cup Retro **5.00-6.00am** EFL Cup Highlights

## TNT SPORTS 1

**6.00am** Spanish Women's Liga F **7.00** NWSL **8.00** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **8.15** Crouchy and Cole **8.30** Gallagher Premiership Rugby Union **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **11.00** LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session one of the WEPF World Team Shootout, as the players compete in a fast-paced format of the game at the Grand Hotel Blackpool. **4.00pm** Crouchy and Cole **4.15** Euro 2024 – Agree or Disagree **4.30** Women's One-Day International Cricket. India v South Africa. **5.30** European Rally Championship Highlights **6.00** LIVE **Ultimate Pool** Coverage of session two of the WEPF World Team Shootout. **11.00** European Rally Championship Highlights. The Royal Rally of Scandinavia. **11.30** WNBA **12.30am** NBA Action **1.00** NBA on Fire **1.30** LIVE **NBA** Boston Celtics v Dallas Mavericks (tip-off 1.30am). Game five of the NBA Finals. **4.00** Serie A – Full Impact. Review of the 2023/24 season. **5.00-6.00am** TNT Sports Goals Reload

## TNT SPORTS 2

**6.00am** AFL **12.00noon** EuroCup Basketball **6.00** WNBA **7.00** Badminton **9.00** Fishing: On the Bank **10.00** Women's One-Day International Cricket **11.00** WWE Raw Highlights **12.00m't** WWE SmackDown Highlights. In Glasgow. **1.00** LIVE **WWE Monday Night Raw** Wrestling coverage, featuring the likes of Becky Lynch, Damian Priest and Gunther. **4.15** Ariel Helwani Meets. WWE star Sami Zayn. **5.30-6.00am** TNT Sports Cricket Reload

## EUROSPORT 1

**6.00am** World Superbikes **7.00** Bennetts British Superbikes **8.00** Cycling: Tour of Slovenia **9.00** Cycling: Tour of Switzerland **10.00** Roland-Garros **11.00** Mountain Biking **1.00pm** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland **2.00** LIVE **Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland** Stage three, which follows a route of 125.6km from Vevey to Champagne. **4.15** Ultramarathon. Trail Menorca 2024. **4.45** Skateboarding: Concrete Dreams **5.00** Teqball Show **5.30** Roland-Garros. Carlos Alcaraz v Alexander Zverev in the men's singles final. **7.00** Cliff Diving **8.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland **9.00** Mountain Biking **10.00** Mountain Biking **11.00** Women's Tour of Switzerland **12.00m't** Speedway Grand Prix **1.00** Cliff Diving **3.00** Cycling: Women's Tour of Switzerland. Stage three. **4.00-6.00am** Mountain Biking

# Entertainment & Factual

## ITV3 — Freeview 10

**6.00am** Classic Emmerdale **7.00** Classic Coronation Street **8.05** Agatha Christie's Poirot **10.30** The Royal **11.35** Heartbeat **1.40pm** Classic Emmerdale **2.40** Classic Coronation Street **3.50** Inspector Morse **5.55** Heartbeat **8.00** McDonald & Dodds **10.00** Wire in the Blood **11.50** The Royal **12.40-2.30am** Upstairs, Downstairs

## ITV4 — Freeview 26

**6.00am** World of Sport **6.20** Minder **7.10** The Sweeney **8.10** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **9.20** Magnum, PI **10.20** Kojak **11.25** BattleBots **12.25pm** The Return of Sherlock Holmes **1.35** Magnum, PI **2.35** Kojak **3.40** Minder **4.45** The Sweeney **5.55** BattleBots **6.55** River Monsters **7.30** Royal Ascot: Queens of the Turf **8.00** The Motorbike Show **9.00** The 1% Club **10.00** FILM The Expendables (2010/15) ★★★★ **12.05am** Motorsport UK **1.00** Auto Mundial **1.25** Motorsport Mundial **1.55** From Dusk Till Dawn **2.45-3.00am** Unwind with ITV

## 5STAR — Freeview 32

**8.00am** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.00** Nightmare Tenants, Slum Landlords **11.00** Traffic Cops **2.00pm** Police Interceptors **5.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **6.00** Home and Away **7.00** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **8.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly **9.00** Ambulance: Code Red **10.00** Serial Killer Wives **11.00** Accused: Masked Attacker or Mistaken Identity? **12.00m't** Accused: Jealous Shooter or Innocent Fall Guy? **1.00** Skin A&E **2.00** A&E: Crash Scene Emergency **2.50** GPs: Behind Closed Doors **3.35-4.00am** Home and Away

## REALLY — Freeview 17

**6.00am** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Cruise TV with LoveitBookit **8.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Antiques Road Trip **5.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** The Travelling Auctioneers **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Help! My House Is Haunted **12.00m't** Unexplained: Caught on Camera **1.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **2.00-4.00am** Teleshopping

## 5ACTION — Freeview 33

**9.00am** Entertainment News on 5 **9.05** Outback Truckers **10.05** Traffic Cops **11.05** Police Interceptors **12.05pm** FILM Rage at Dawn (1955/U) ★★ **1.55** FILM California (1946/PG) ★★ **4.00** Outback Truckers **5.00** Traffic Cops **6.00** Police Interceptors **9.00** FILM Dirty Harry (1971/15) ★★★★★ **11.10** FILM Universal Soldier: Regeneration (2009/18) ★★★ **1.15am** Fights, Camera, Action! **2.15-4.00am** Trucking Hell

## SKY ARTS — Freeview 36

**6.00am** Giselle **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ian McKellen **12.00noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00** Tales of the Unexpected **2.00** Cold War & Cinema **3.00** Lenny Henry's Got the Blues **4.00** Discovering: Ed Harris **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00** Tales of the Unexpected **7.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **8.00** Andre Rieu: Happy Days Are Here Again

**The Cleaning Lady**
**Sky Witness, 9pm**
Arman and Nadia (Eva De Dominici, left) take control of their drug-selling venture. Plus, Garrett comes closer to solving the Cortes case and Fiona works on her new cleaning business.

**11.00** Gods of the Game. Opera set in the world of football. **12.45am** Pavarotti: A Voice for the Ages **2.00** Painting Birds with Jim and Nancy Moir: Kids Special **3.00** Portrait Artist of the Year: The Exhibition **4.00-5.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

## GOLD

**7.10am** The Fosters **8.05** Are You Being Served? **8.40** The Green Green Grass **9.20** My Hero **10.00** Are You Being Served? **10.40** Still Open All Hours **11.20** Last of the Summer Wine **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.20** My Hero **2.00** Still Open All Hours **2.35** Dad's Army **3.20** Are You Being Served? **4.00** Last of the Summer Wine **5.20** Still Open All Hours **6.00** The Green Green Grass **6.35** Dad's Army **8.00** Only Fools and Horses **8.40** The Thin Blue Line **9.20** dinnerladies **10.00** The Royle Family **10.40** Bottom **11.20** The Office **12.00m't** Only Fools and Horses **12.40** The Thin Blue Line **1.20** dinnerladies **2.00** The Royle Family **2.40** Bottom **3.10-4.00am** The Office

## YESTERDAY — Freeview 27

**6.10am** Classic Car Garage **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **10.00** The World at War **11.00** World War Weird **12.00noon** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers & Cash **4.00** The World at War **5.00** World War Weird **6.00** Antiques Roadshow **7.00** Bangers & Cash **8.00** Abandoned Engineering **9.00** Princes in the Tower: Lucy Worsley Investigates **10.00** Bangers & Cash. Expertly crafted batmobile replicas. **11.00** Abandoned Engineering **12.00m't** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00** Abandoned Engineering **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Transport Museum

## ALIBI

**7.10am** Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** The Coroner **10.00** Elementary **11.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **12.00noon** Father Brown **1.00** Death in Paradise **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Elementary **5.00** Father Brown **6.00** Shakespeare & Hathaway: Private Investigators **7.00** Elementary. The arrival of Sherlock's brother causes tension. **8.00** Father Brown **10.00** Death in Paradise. Humphrey investigates a suspected poisoning. **11.20** Elementary **12.20am** CSI: Vegas **1.15** Unforgettable **2.20-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

## SKY MAX

**6.00am** NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **8.00** The Flash **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12.00noon** The Flash **1.00** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-0 **4.00** S.W.A.T **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow **6.00** Stargate SG-1 **8.00** Flintoff: Lord of the Fries **9.00** FILM No Escape (2015/15) ★★★ **11.00** The Walking Dead **1.00am** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **2.00-3.00am** A League of Their Own: Mexican Road Trip

## SKY ATLANTIC

**6.00am** The Guest Wing **8.00** Six Feet Under **10.00** Billions **11.05** Gomorrah **12.10pm** Game of Thrones **1.25** The Sopranos **3.35** Six Feet Under **5.45** Gomorrah **8.00** House of the Dragon: War Room **9.00** House of the Dragon **10.10** The Sympathizer **11.20** House of the Dragon **12.30am** Succession **1.45** Game of Thrones **3.15-4.15am** In Treatment

## SKY WITNESS

**6.00am** Air Ambulance ER **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** UK Border Force **9.00** 999 Frontline **9.30** Caught Red Handed **11.00** Brit Cops: Rapid Response **12.00noon** New Amsterdam **1.00** 9-1-1 **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare **8.00** Blue Bloods **9.00** The Cleaning Lady **10.00** Coroner **11.00** The Rookie **1.00am** FBI: Most Wanted **2.00** The Equalizer **3.00** FBI: Most Wanted **4.00-5.00am** The Force: Manchester

## SKY COMEDY

**8.00am** Will & Grace **9.00** The Conners **10.00** Sort Of **10.30** Veep **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** High Maintenance **2.10** Veep **3.20** Entourage **4.30** Sort Of **5.00** Will & Grace **6.00** The Office (US) **7.00** The Conners **8.00** Will & Grace **9.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **9.45** Silicon Valley **11.00** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **11.45** Real Time with Bill Maher **12.55am** Sex and the City **2.15** Sort Of **3.15** Flatbush Misdemeanors **3.45-5.00am** High Maintenance

## DISCOVERY

**6.00am** How It's Made **7.00** Deadliest Catch **8.00** Building Off the Grid **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Demolition Down Under **11.00** Wheeler Dealers **1.00pm** Barnwood Builders **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00** Alaska: Homestead Rescue **6.00** Demolition Down Under **7.00** Bitchin' Rides **8.00** Supertruckers **9.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **10.00** Roadworthy Rescues **11.00** Outback Truckers **12.00m't** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **1.00** Wheeler Dealers World Tour **2.00** Roadworthy Rescues **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00-5.00am** Moonshiners

## NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

**8.00am** Food Factory **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Dinosaurs from the Deep: Drain the Oceans **11.00** Airport Security: Colombia **12.00noon** Car S.O.S **1.00pm** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand **4.00** Seconds from Disaster **5.00** Car S.O.S **6.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** Erased: WWII Heroes of Colour **9.00** To Catch a Smuggler **10.00** Air Crash Investigation **12.00m't** Situation Critical **1.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **2.00** Abandoned **2.30** Food Factory **3.20** Lords of War **4.10-5.00am** Exotic Animal ER

# Radio

## BBC RADIO 1

**97.6-99.8MHz 6.30am** Newsbeat **7.00** Radio 1 Breakfast with Sam and Danni **10.30** Newsbeat **10.32** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **12.45pm** Newsbeat **1.00** Dean and Nat **3.30** Newsbeat **3.32** Going Home with Vick, Katie and Jamie **5.45** Newsbeat **6.00** Radio 1's New Music Show with Jack Saunders **8.00** Future Artists with Sian Eleri **10.00** Radio 1's Power Down Playlist with Sian Eleri **11.00** Rock Show with Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock on Radio 1 with Alyx Holcombe **2.00** Radio 1's Future Alternative **3.00** Radio 1 Relax in Love **4.00-5.00am** Radio 1 Dance

## BBC RADIO 2

**88-91MHz 6.30am** The Zoe Ball Breakfast Show **9.30** Vernon Kay **12.00noon** Jeremy Vine **2.00** Scott Mills **4.00** Sara Cox **6.30** Sara Cox's Half Wower **7.00** Jo Whiley's Shiny Happy Playlist **7.30** Jo Whiley **9.00** The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews **10.00** DJ Spoony's Magnificent 7 **10.30** DJ Spoony's Rhythm Nation **12.00m't** OJ Borg **2.30** One Hit Wonders with OJ Borg **3.00-4.00am** Pick of the Pops

## BBC RADIO 3

**90.2-92.4MHz 6.30am** Breakfast **9.30** Essential Classics **1.00pm** Classical Live **4.00** Composer of the Week: Dvorak **5.00** In Tune **7.00** Classical Mixtape **7.30** Radio 3 in Concert **9.45** The Essay: The Sounds of Tyne **10.00** Night Tracks **11.30** 'Round Midnight **12.30-6.30am** Through the Night

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To mark 17 years of the Aldeburgh Festival concert, Martin Handley presents a recreation of the first year's bill. On the programme is music by Purcell, Handel and Britten, as well as a new trumpet concerto by Robin Haigh written for Matilda Lloyd and Britten Sinfonia. Jessica Cottis conducts.

## BBC RADIO 4

**FM 92.4-94.6MHz 6.00am** Today **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Oliver Burkeman's Inconvenient Truth **10.00** Woman's Hour **11.00** Writing the Universe **11.45** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.00noon** News **12.04** You and Yours **12.57** Weather **1.00** The World at One **1.45** Understand: The UK Election **2.00** The Archers **2.15** Fags, Mags and Bags **2.45** Gambits **3.00** A Good Read **3.30** The Failure of the Future **4.00** Living without My Smartphone **4.30** The Kitchen Cabinet **5.00** PM **5.57** Weather **6.00** News **6.30** I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue **7.00** The Archers **7.15** Front Row **8.00** The Briefing Room **8.30** BBC Inside Science **9.00** Start the Week **9.45** Assume Nothing: The Shankill Gold Rush **10.00** The World Tonight **10.45** Book at Bedtime: Jensen: The Bellevue Poltergeist **11.00** Harland **11.30** The South Asian Shift **12.00m't** News **12.30** Book of the Week: The Stalin Affair **12.48** Shipping Forecast **1.00-5.20am** As BBC World Service

## BBC RADIO 5 LIVE

**693/909kHz 6.00am** Breakfast **9.00** Nicky Campbell **11.00** Naga Munchetty **1.00pm** 5 Live Sport **2.00** 5 Live Sport **4.00** News **4.30** 5 Live Sport **5.00** 5 Live Sport **7.00** 5 Live Sport **8.00** 5 Live Sport **10.30** Gordon Smart: Live from Euro 2024 **11.30** Johnny I'Anson **1.00-5.00am** Dotun Adebayo

## BBC RADIO WALES

**FM: 94.6MHz 6.00am** Radio Wales News Update **6.05** Wake Up with Radio Wales **6.30** Radio Wales Arts Show **7.00** Radio Wales Breakfast **9.00** Bronwen Lewis **12.00noon** The Phone In **2.00** Behnaz Akhgar **5.00** Radio Wales Drive **6.30** Robert Earnshaw: My Mum, the Football Hero **7.00** Huw Stephens **10.00** Eleri Sion **12.00m't** Relax with Radio Wales **1.00-6.00am** As Radio 5 Live

## CLASSIC FM

**100-102MHz 6.30am** Breakfast with Dan Walker **9.00** The Classic FM Hall of Fame Hour with Dan Walker **10.00** Alexander Armstrong **1.00pm** Anne-Marie Minhall **4.00** Sam Pittis **7.00** Relaxing Evenings **10.00** Calm Classics **1.00-4.00am** Bill Overton

## ABSOLUTE RADIO

**DAB 6.00am** Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Emil Franchi **1.00-6.00am** Dan Noble

# Movies

## FILM4

**11.00am Three Hours to Kill** (1954/PG) Western, starring Dana Andrews. ★★★★
**12.35pm Cover Girl** (1944/U) Musical comedy, with Rita Hayworth and Gene Kelly. ★★★★
**2.45 True Grit** (1969/PG) Western, starring John Wayne and Kim Darby. ★★★★
**5.20 Gideon of Scotland Yard** (1958/PG) Police drama, starring Jack Hawkins. ★★★★
**7.15 Men in Black II** (2002/PG) Sci-fi comedy sequel, starring Will Smith. ★★
**9.00 Monster Hunter** (2020/12) Cpt Artemis and her soldiers are transported to a new world, and engage in a battle for survival against enormous enemies. Fantasy adventure, starring Milla Jovovich. ★★
**11.05 Limbo** (2020/12) Comedy drama, starring Sidse Babett Knudsen. ★★★
**1.10-3.35am Shoplifters** (2018/15) Drama, starring Lily Franky and Sakura Ando. ★★★★

## SKY CINEMA PREMIERE

**6.35am Bonus Track** (2023/15) See 2.00pm for details. ★★★
**8.25 The Great Escaper** (2023/12) See 3.50pm for details. ★★★★
**10.15 Am I OK?** (2022/15) Romantic comedy drama, starring Dakota Johnson, Sonoya Mizuno and Jermaine Fowler. ★★★
**12.00noon American Star** (2024/15) See 10.00pm for details. ★★★
**2.00pm Bonus Track** (2023/15) Comedy, starring Joe Anders and Samuel Small. ★★★
**3.50 The Great Escaper** (2023/12) Drama, with Michael Caine and Glenda Jackson. ★★★★
**5.40 Blue Beetle** (2023/12) Fantasy adventure, starring Xolo Mariduena. ★★★
**8.00 Meg 2: The Trench** (2023/12) When a mining operation unleashes a school of megalodon sharks, rescue expert Jonas Taylor attempts to save the day. Thriller sequel, starring Jason Statham. ★★★
**10.00 American Star** (2024/15) Thriller, starring Ian McShane and Nora Arnezeder. ★★★
**12.00m't Ruthless** (2023/15) Action thriller, with Dermot Mulroney and Jeff Fahey. ★★★★
**1.40am The Exorcist: Believer** (2023/15) Horror sequel, starring Leslie Odom Jr. ★★★
**3.40-6.00am Ride On** (2023/PG) Action drama, starring Jackie Chan and Liu Haocun. ★★★★

## SKY CINEMA DRAMA

**5.45pm Ferrari** (2023/15) Drama, starring Adam Driver and Jack O'Connell. ★★★★
**8.00 Terms of Endearment** (1983/15) Drama, with Shirley MacLaine. ★★★★★
**10.20 When Tomorrow Comes** (1939) Drama, with Charles Boyer and Irene Dunne. ★★★★
**12.05am Ray** (2004/15) Drama, starring Jamie Foxx and Regina King. ★★★★
**2.45 Ferrari** (2023/15) See 5.45pm for details. ★★★★
**5.00-7.15am She Said** (2022/15) Drama, with Carey Mulligan and Patricia Clarkson. ★★★★

## SKY CINEMA FAMILY

**4.00pm Johnny English** (2003/PG) Spy comedy, starring Rowan Atkinson. ★★★★
**5.35 Matilda** (1996/PG) Children's fantasy comedy, starring Mara Wilson. ★★★★
**7.25 Addams Family Values** (1993/PG) Comedy sequel, with Anjelica Huston. ★★★★
**9.05 The SpongeBob SquarePants Movie** (2004/U) Children's animated comedy, featuring the voice of Tom Kenny. ★★★★
**10.45 The Karate Kid** (2010/PG) Martial arts drama, starring Jaden Smith. ★★★
**1.15am Mee-Shee: the Water Giant** (2005/PG) Children's fantasy, with Daniel Magder. ★★
**3.05 Robo-Dog: Airborne** (2017/U) Family adventure sequel, starring Michael Campion and Patrick Muldoon. ★★★
**4.50-6.40am Breaking Point** (2023/15) Drama, with Kelvin Clarke and Karam Singh. ★★★

## TALKING PICTURES TV

**4.05pm Rebecca** (1940/PG) Alfred Hitchcock's romantic thriller, with Laurence Olivier, Joan Fontaine and Judith Anderson. ★★★★★
**7.00 The Footage Detectives** Memories of Hartley Hare and Make Do and Mend.
**8.00 Enemy at the Door** A retired diplomat refuses to share government information.
**9.05 Element of Doubt** (1996/15) Thriller, starring Nigel Havers and Polly Adams. ★★
**11.15 Mountains of the Moon** (1990/15) Epic period drama, starring Patrick Bergin. ★★★
**2.00am Maigret** Mystery, with Bruno Cremer.
**4.00-5.00am Justice** Legal drama series.

## GREAT! MOVIES

**5.00pm Lost Letter Mysteries: Signed Sealed Delivered** (2013/PG) Mystery, with Eric Mabius and Kristin Booth. ★★★
**7.05 Lost Letter Mysteries: Time To Start Livin'** (2014/PG) Thriller, starring Eric Mabius, Kristin Booth and Yan-Kay Crystal Lowe. ★★
**9.00 Night Hunter** (2018/15) Thriller, starring Henry Cavill and Ben Kingsley. ★★★
**11.10pm Into the Ashes** (2019/15) Thriller, with Frank Grillo and Marguerite Moreau. ★★★
**1.05am The Winter Soldier** (2016/15) Sci-fi adventure, starring Paul Sidhu. ★★
**4.00-6.00am A Wedding to Die For** (2019/PG) Thriller, starring Christa B Allen. ★★★

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## Keir's a danger to the UK and he cannot be trusted

HOW can anyone trust Sir Keir Starmer? To become Labour leader he made 10 pledges and reneged on them all.

A lifelong Marxist he now says he only supported Jeremy Corbyn because he knew he would lose. He would not use private healthcare but has a private dentist. He says he's working class but his father owned a tool-making factory. This man is dishonest and dangerous.

**Dr Peter Outen,** *Brentwood, Essex*

## If Labour wins election we will be back in the EU

MANIFESTOS come and go. Never before have I read so much humbug as the Labour Party's latest effort ("Starmer's policy pitch to voters", June 14).

It's typical Tony Blair/Peter Mandelson waffle, deliberately telling the voter nothing. They got away with it in the 1997 election and Labour is trying again.

It tells you nothing because that's what Labour offers. Labour is only interested in one thing: to get back into the EU.

**Tony Moore,** *Southport, Merseyside*

## Promises sound too good to be true, and they are

IF THE Labour Party manifesto is to be believed we could soon be living in a wonderful new country; Shangri-La for all.

Millions more NHS appointments, enough houses for everyone, more police officers and hundreds of additional teachers – presumably to cater for the overload caused when secondary pupils leave private schools following the imposition of VAT on fees.

But if something sounds too good to be true, it usually is. After the last Labour Government there was no money left. Despite the slogan, Labour has not changed.

**Martyn Redmore,** *Huntingdon, Cambs*

## Blowhard is permanently restored to factory setting

SIR Keir Starmer is upset and complaining about people laughing when he said, again, that his father worked in a factory.

If he cannot understand that they were laughing because of the number of times he has said it, some doubt has to be cast on this man's capability to grasp the feeling of the public in front of him.

He has advisers, can they not tell him it's now become a joke?

**Keith Woods,** *Manchester*

## Chancers who told us 'I'm afraid there is no money'

THANK goodness, I was beginning to think I was the only one who remembered the problems Labour left behind in 2010 and the "I'm afraid there is no money" note ("Has everyone forgotten how bad Labour is?", June 14).

Margaret Thatcher managed to rescue the country after the 1970s mess caused by Labour, and when Tony Blair took power in 1997 Labour frittered away all the gains, sold off our gold reserves and left the Tories to pick up the mess.

We are coming out of the chaos of the last few years so give the Tories a chance to build on this and not descend into further Labour debt and chaos.

**Carole Constable,** *Redhill, Surrey*

## Letter of the day

Picture: PA



TAX: Labour leader Sir Keir Starmer will make us all poorer

# Starmer will drag Britain back decades

SIR Keir Starmer is following the previous Labour leader, whom he endorsed wholeheartedly to be our PM in the last general election in 2019 ("Don't fall for Labour's hidden £8.5bn 'tax trap'", June 14).

"For the many, not the few" was then-leader Jeremy Corbyn's mantra, and Starmer will ensure that more of us will be poorer.

Labour always finds it easier to dumb down, seldom if ever hoist up.

More bureaucracy, more civil servants, more committees and lots of talk but with little or no action.

Sadly far too many of the electorate have not had the "pleasure" of living under a socialist regime. It is quite an experience.

**Bill Young,** *Winsford, Cheshire*

## Socialist governments leave us literally in dark

I WAS working in the bad old days of the 1970s with power cuts, three-day weeks and miners strikes when the unions and union barons ran the country.

They say a leopard never changes its spots; well Labour has not and will not change. Its whole ethos is based on being a party of envy.

So be careful of who you vote for and what you want.

**Roy Thorne,** *Kingstone, Heref*

## There's only one leader who listens to electorate

A MESSAGE to all of the out-of-touch political leaders, bar one.

We don't want net zero, we don't want to belong to the European Convention on Human Rights, we don't want more immigration, we don't want wokery and political correctness and 16-year-olds mustn't get the vote. Why don't you listen to the electorate? What's the point in voting?

**Tim Sayer,** *Bristol*

## Please use your vote on July 4, many fought for it

THERE are many people in this country who are entitled to vote but for one reason or another don't bother. The right to vote, especially for women, was hard won and should be honoured.

Whatever your politics, or lack of, please use your vote.

**Margaret Goudge,** *St Austell, Cornwall*

## Lib Dem chief is off his Ed with ludicrous stunts

IT'S A relief to know that Lib Dem leader Sir Ed Davey can indeed bang sticks together noisily. That's an essential skill for national politics ("Cometh the hour, cometh the man... in a wetsuit, clowning for the cameras", June 14).

Other skills may have been more useful when he was overseeing the Post Office back when he was the postal minister.

**Dan Hartley,** *Solihull, W Mids*

## And now for something completely ridiculous

OH SIR Ed Davey, whatever will you think of next – the Monty Python Fish Slapping Dance?

**David Hunter,** *Huntingdon, Cambs*

## Global warming! We've got central heating on

DESPITE global warming propaganda being pumped at us from all directions, can anyone really believe this nonsense when we still have to have our central heating on in mid-June?

No doubt the Met Office will be telling us in a few weeks that we have experienced the "hottest June since records began".

**Terry Durrance,** *Southport, Merseyside*

## Cost-of-living crisis? Not for Tartan Army or Swifties

WHAT cost-of-living crisis? Around 200,000 members of the Tartan Army travel to the Euros in Germany and despite the price of Taylor Swift tickets, her shows sell out. An abundance of "I need help" crocodile tears or entitlement rules?

**Gerald Norden,** *Knutsford, Cheshire*

## DO ALL MEN EVENTUALLY TURN INTO THEIR FATHERS?

**Yes**

IT'S true, one morning you look in the bathroom mirror and say: "Dad?" ("Men become their dads at the age of 43", June 14).

It hits you right between the eyes. If it's not bad enough that you look just like him, in middle-age you start to sound like him too, coming out with all the rubbish he used to yell at you when you were a kid. The trouble is though, he was right.

Having said all that, I'd be more than happy to turn out just like he did. He was a great guy and since his death we all miss him dearly.

**Colin Chapel,** *Nottingham*

**No**

I WISH I could be like my dad, but he died when I was just two so I never got to know him.

Father's Day has always been tough for me. I suffered shame and embarrassment when I was little when a supply teacher who couldn't have known my circumstances got the whole class to make cards. She didn't mean anything by it but I've never forgotten it.

Mum never remarried after dad's death and she did a great job of bringing us up on her own. It can't have been easy but she always put us first.

**Lee Fox,** *Birmingham*

## TODAY: Monday June 17, 2024

## ON THIS DAY



DAILY EXPRESS

Valentina radios her space date, then goes to sleep

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Three key talks

**61 years ago (1963)**

We reported that Soviet cosmonaut Lieutenant Valentina Tereshkova had become the first woman in space and revealed a planned link-up with Colonel Valery Bykovsky 140 miles above the Earth.

The rendezvous never happened due to technical difficulties but Tereshkova successfully completed 49 orbits in two days.

**44 years ago (1980)**

**PM Margaret Thatcher's Defence Secretary Francis Pym announced RAF Greenham Common, Berkshire, and RAF Molesworth in Cambridgeshire as the sites to host the first US nuclear cruise missiles stored on UK soil.**

**Protests began a year later. The Women's Peace Camp at Greenham Common remained active for 19 years.**

**Eight years ago (2016)**

We reported pro-EU Labour MP Jo Cox had been shot and stabbed to death outside her constituency office in Birstall, West Yorkshire.

Neo-Nazi Thomas Mair was arrested shortly after and is serving a life sentence for her murder. After her death, all EU referendum campaigning was temporarily suspended.

## BIRTHDAYS



Actor **Greg Kinnear** is 61. As a child he once lived in Beirut, Lebanon.

Tennis star **Venus Williams** is 44. She has won seven Grand Slam singles titles.



Ajax midfielder **Jordan Henderson** is 34. He's a Sunderland fan.

Mandy singer **Barry Manilow** is 81. He was raised in Brooklyn, New York.

**TODAY'S GIGGLE**

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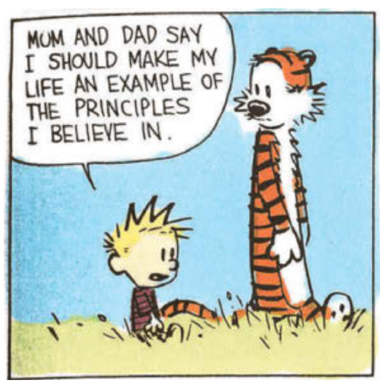
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Says Mrs Bear, "It's chilly out,
So take your ball, and run about."

**It is midwinter and one cold morning Rupert is wondering what to do. "I shall not need you to help me indoors today," says Mrs Bear. "The key thing is to keep warm. You'd better find your friends and run about for a while." "That will be lovely," Rupert smiles. "I'll take the new ball that came at Christmas." He hurries away from the cottage. At first he can find nobody. Then a little figure comes over the slope.**





As Rupert searches for his chums,
Across the meadow Willie comes.

## Mediterranean chickpea pie

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 tbsp extra virgin olive oil
- **2 onions, chopped**
- 2 celery sticks, chopped
- **1 red pepper, seeded and diced**
- 2 garlic cloves, crushed
- **2 courgettes, sliced**
- 2 cans chickpeas, about 410g each, drained and rinsed
- **2 cans chopped tomatoes, about 400g each**
- 2 tbsp sun-dried tomato paste
- **150 ml red wine**
- 2 tsp dried Italian herb seasoning
- **Salt and pepper**
- 1 kg potatoes, peeled and cut into chunks
- **4 tbsp semi-skimmed milk**
- 1 egg
- **50g Parmesan cheese, freshly grated**
- 50g sun-dried tomatoes in oil, drained and chopped
- **3 tbsp chopped fresh basil**

### METHOD

**1)** Heat 1 tbsp of the oil in a large pan, add the onions, celery, red pepper and garlic, and sauté for 5 minutes. Add the courgettes, chickpeas, tomatoes with their juice, tomato paste, wine and dried herbs. Season and mix well.
**2)** Bring to the boil, then reduce the heat. Cover the pan and simmer for 20 minutes, stirring occasionally. Increase the heat and cook for a further 10-15 minutes, uncovered, until the liquid has thickened slightly.



**3)** Meanwhile, cook the potatoes in a saucepan of boiling water for 15-20 minutes or until tender. Preheat the oven to 200°C.
**4)** Mash the potatoes with the milk and the remaining 1 tbsp olive oil, then beat in the egg, Parmesan cheese, sun-dried tomatoes, chopped basil, and salt and pepper to taste. Mix well.
**5)** Spoon the vegetable mixture into an ovenproof dish. Top with the Parmesan mash and bake for 25 minutes until the potato is browned.



**ALAN'S TIP OF THE DAY: Sow small pinches of Iceland poppy seed. Barely cover them, then thin out surplus seedlings. Don't prick them out as they hate root disturbance. Plant out each potful as a clump in its flowering position when the pot is full of roots, in early autumn.**

# Russell Grant



Britain's celebrity astrologer

### Aries Mar 21 - Apr 20

Be patient and you will overcome some difficult issues. Don't throw in the towel on impulse. Objections to your plans and suggestions will delay progress but instead of wasting time arguing, think of ways to get around these problems.
**0905 789 3701****

### Taurus Apr 21 - May 21

You're stunned by the popularity of someone who is less qualified, skilled and experienced than you are. They are using their charm to talk their way into an exclusive group while you do the work. Steer clear of this manipulative person.
**0905 789 3702****

### Gemini May 22 - June 21

For the sake of your health or professional reputation, it would be better to get some disagreeable tasks over with. The more you think about it the more you want to avoid some appointments. Push through your anxiety. You can do this.
**0905 789 3703****

### Libra Sep 24 - Oct 23

Familiar places are where you would prefer to be but you have commitments. Transport delays, computer breakdowns and extra charges will wreak havoc with your plans and bank account. Travel arrangements are less than ideal.
**0905 789 3707****



### Scorpio Oct 24 - Nov 22

Group activities will help cancel out solitary desires. Being active and spending time with friends will help keep your mind off worries. When your thoughts drift to places you would rather not go, call up a friend and suggest meeting up.
**0905 789 3708****



### Sagittarius Nov 23 - Dec 21

Someone you were supposed to meet up with will not be feeling their usual self. This will mean some of your plans for the day will have to be rearranged. Since you could do with some extra free time, this will not give cause you complaint.
**0905 789 3709****



### Cancer June 22 - July 23

Ideas are being shared, yet you are holding back from offering your opinions. The idea of such discussions is to generate innovative solutions. Sharing your thoughts will help you make sense of those ideas taking shape in your mind.
**0905 789 3704****



### Leo July 24 - Aug 23

An inspiring talk will boost your confidence in a close relationship. Are you single? You could meet someone special at a glamorous gathering. A shared love of the theatre and the arts will form a solid basis on which to build this union on.
**0905 789 3705****



### Virgo Aug 24 - Sep 23

Taking on more commitments when you already have plenty on your plate will put a strain on your health. Someone who always inspires you will present you with a new challenge but you may have to give this one a miss.
**0905 789 3706****




You would enjoy the chance to work behind the scenes. This will enable you to give more thought to something that you aren't yet ready to share with others. Something on your mind will benefit from more careful contemplation.
**0905 789 3710****

### Aquarius Jan 21 - Feb 19

You're baffled about how to go about an important task. People you are working with are just as confused. The one person who could help is conspicuous by their absence. All you can do is get on as best you can with what you have available.
**0905 789 3711****




A friend will reach out and you will want to help but no matter how good your intentions might be, it is professional treatment they need. You might sense already that your involvement will delay rather than speed up their recovery.
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# City & Business

# London in top 10 dearest cities for expat employees

By **Vicky Shaw**

LONDON has jumped into the top 10 list in a global index that examines the most expensive cities for expatriate employees.

The capital has moved up nine places since last year to be ranked eighth in Mercer's 2024 cost-of-living city ranking.

Positioned just below New York, London's rise was due to a number of factors, including the general cost of living and rental prices.

Hong Kong retained the top spot in this year's ranking followed by Singapore. Swiss cities Zurich, Geneva and Basel complete the top five most expensive cities.

Edinburgh was put at 53, Glasgow at 68, Birmingham at 78, Aberdeen at 82, and Belfast at 87.

Paris was ranked 29th with Dublin at 41.

The index includes 226 locations across the world and measures the comparative cost of more than 200 items in each location, including transport, food, clothing, household goods and entertainment.

Abuja in Nigeria was ranked least expensive in the survey.

Mercer, a business of global professional services firm Marsh McLennan, compiles the ranking to help multinational employers plan compensation packages for workers. Rising housing costs in many cities around the world have been a challenge for employers with volatile inflation trends also putting a strain on workers' compensation packages, Mercer said.

These factors can make it difficult for employers to attract and retain top talent and can increase compensation and benefits expenses, limit talent mobility and raise operational costs, the report added.

Yvonne Traber, Mercer's global mobility leader, said: "Cost-of-living challenges have had a significant impact on multinational organisations and their employees.

"It's important for organisations to stay informed about cost-of-living trends and inflation rates and seek input from employees on these issues to effectively manage their effects.

"High living costs may cause assignees to adjust their lifestyle, cut back on discretionary spending or even struggle to meet their basic needs."

Ms Traber added that some employers may wish to offer compensation packages which include housing allowances or subsidies, or provide support services.

### THE TOP 10 MOST EXPENSIVE CITIES

Here are the 2024 cost-of-living city rankings from Mercer:

1. **Hong Kong**
2. Singapore
3. **Zurich**
4. Geneva
5. **Basel**
6. Bern
7. **New York**
8. London
9. **Nassau**
10. Los Angeles

## BROAD'S THIRST FOR THE PUB BUSINESS


BEER WE GO: Stuart and partner Mollie at the Tap & Run in Notts

**RETIRED cricketer Stuart Broad said it can feel "overwhelming" when professional sports contracts end and the "monthly payments stop".**

**The 37-year-old, *right*, added: "It's really important to have half an eye on what's next." Broad now has his sights set on his pub business. He co-owns the Tap & Run in Nottinghamshire and The Griffin Inn in Leicestershire – and plans another five in the next five years.**

**He has partnered with accounting software firm Sage for its competition for 10 small businesses to share £50,000.**

## MONEY WATCH

By GRAHAM HISCOTT

**THE average quoted price of home insurance has surged by 41.6% in the year to April, say experts.**

**That is the biggest annual rise since data group Consumer Intelligence began tracking prices in 2014.**

**It warned there is little evidence of a slowdown either as the past three months saw a 10.3% rise in quoted premiums for buildings and contents insurance, the sharpest quarterly surge for 10 years.**

**Customers who have made claims could see additional increases with those making recent theft claims experiencing rises in quoted premiums of 13.8% in the past three months.**

**To take some of the sting out of increases, there are tips. Firstly, don't automatically renew with your existing provider. Look around to see if you can get a better deal by using price comparison websites.**

**Not all insurers appear on these sites, including Direct Line, so also seek out those that don't. See if cashback sites, such as Quidco and Topcashback, offer money if you go via them.**

**But remember that value for money is not just about price. You need to ensure you have enough cover for your needs. Combining buildings and contents insurance from the one provider can spark savings.**

## Growth surge boost for manufacturers

MANUFACTURERS are seeing signs of growth amid an improved outlook for the economy, according to a survey of 320 companies.

Industry group Make UK found that output and orders were increasing with the sector predicted to outpace the economy this year.

Business confidence has risen to equal its highest level in the past decade as companies look to emerge from a two-year "slump".

James Brougham, of Make UK, said: "At last, manufacturers can see concrete signs of growth and a much better economic outlook ahead.

"With prices cooling and potential cuts in interest rates to come, the next Government must capitalise by delivering a long-term industrial strategy that goes beyond the 2030s and has cross-Government support.

"This must be supported by a revolution in skills, a shortage of which is the biggest factor affecting not just companies' growth prospects but, in many cases, their ability to maintain daily operations and fulfil contracts."

## Hospitality sector facing jobs spree

THE hospitality industry is gearing up to hire around one million workers to support events this summer, research suggests.

A surge is expected thanks to the Euro 2024 football tournament, the Olympics, staycations and Taylor Swift's UK tour.

Jobs site Caterer.com said immigration rules are continuing to have a significant impact on recruitment so most business are looking to hire UK workers.

Its study among 100 hospitality firms and 2,000 workers also found concerns about hiring staff, such as chefs and general management.

Calvern James, from Caterer.com, said: "Hospitality recruiters have swapped the EU for Edinburgh and Essex as they become increasingly more creative in finding talent within the UK.

"The sector has remained resilient in the face of unprecedented challenges in recent years and tough immigration rules have made businesses look for workers in less conventional places."

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# Thriving Tesco winning battle to control prices

INVESTORS could not have asked for much more from Tesco's first quarter.

Crucially, volumes continued to grow despite slowing inflation. The top priority remains convincing customers to buy more as price rises are slowing.

To achieve this, Tesco has made huge efforts to keep down prices, helped by its scale and the mature nature of its relationships. This strategy has proven effective in driving sales growth, a trend expected to persist as inflation falls.

Investors will be pleased to hear that £2billion in retail free cash flow is still due to pump round the business this year. This will help underpin its capacity to invest and maintain an attractive prospective dividend yield of 4.3%. The group's expanded its Tesco Finest range, helping it poach customers from more premium supermarkets.

Existing Tesco shoppers are also opting for home indulgences, boosting sales of Finest products. Both trends suggest potential long-term benefits.

But Tesco is not just a retailer. The wholesaler Booker is performing well, particularly in catering and retail.

The less profitable parts of the banking business have also been shifted off the books. What is left is set to grow steadily and further diversifies the group's income streams. Despite these positives, Tesco faces challenges.

Discount retailers Aldi and Lidl are gaining market share from larger chains. Tesco's emphasis on value offerings across Europe also exposes it to economically cautious consumers.

Appealing to both the cost conscious and those buying the Finest range is a big ask – but so far it has been managed well. Keeping this up is even harder and could have implications for margins.

Clothing and home sales warrant attention. Exiting lower margin categories, such as electronics and footwear, makes sense but it has caused growth to slip.

Tesco's dependable revenue streams, strong market position and income potential remain compelling. The valuation doesn't look to have got ahead of itself but sentiment will be driven by how margins look over the medium term.

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# Troy in Southwell test

By **Jason Heavey**

DERBY hero City Of Troy could warm up for one of the world's richest races in the USA with a gallop on the sand at Southwell.

Aidan O'Brien is pondering sending the brilliant Epsom winner to the Midlands track later in the year to prepare for a crack at the Breeders' Cup Classic on dirt at Del Mar in November.

The Ballydoyle maestro did exactly the same with Giant's Causeway (in 2000) and Declaration of War (2013).

City Of Troy has always been earmarked as a contender to race on dirt in the Breeders' Cup Classic at

## O'BRIEN MULLS OVER PREP BEFORE CUP RUN

the end of his three-year-old season and with the Coral-Eclipse nominated as his next port of call, the planning is already underway with the son of Justify, who will be dropping back to 10 furlongs at Sandown.

After Sandown, his owners are then planning a crack at either the Juddmonte at York or the Irish Champion Stakes.

O'Brien, above, told Racing TV's Luck On Sunday: "We had in our head, and we have spoken about it a lot, and was thinking that if we did go to Sandown then we could go to either York or Leopardstown and he could then do a prep in Southwell afterwards and then go on to America.

"The track at Southwell, we always felt it did us good when we went there with any type of horse.

"We've done it before with Giant's Causeway and Declaration Of War and those horses.

"We just had in our head to go to America for a prep would change too much."



**CITY BREAK:** A trip on the sand beckons for City Of Troy

## MIXED EMOTIONS FOR MENUISIER

By **Jason Heavey**

**DAVID MENUISIER spoke of his pride after Tamfana was a gallant third in the French Oaks yesterday.**

**The filly, unlucky in the 1,000 Guineas, led a furlong out but was reeled in by French-trained winner Sparkling Plenty and Survie at Chantilly.**

**Menuisier, right, said: "I have joy and sadness running through me but I'm very proud.**

**"They are hard to get (these good horses) and she ran her heart out. She had every chance and she has done the hard work at the front.**

**"I'm proud because she did what she could, but obviously disappointed because she looked like the winner.**

**"I think she showed more kick over a mile than she did here and I may have got this one wrong (stepping up in trip)."**

**Winning jockey Tony Piccone said: "The race went like a dream. To win this race is fantastic for me."**

### 5.30 FITZDARES HANDICAP
3YO £4,397 (Class 5)5f 21yds (8 declared)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (1) | 252320 | SPLIT THE PROFIT (16) M Murphy & M Keady 9-10 | S Woods(7) | 76 |
| 2 | (4) | 13-2224 | KISS AND RUN (9) R Cook & J Bridger 9-9 | K O'Neill | ★80 |
| 3 | (8) | 121532 | BINT HAVANA GOLD (19) (F) R Hughes 9-9 | F Marsh | 77 |
| 4 | (2) | 324-231 | ● FIDELIUS (25) (D,F) R Cowell 9-9 | L Morris | 79 |
| 5 | (6) | 57-3122 | HORSE WHISPERER (23) (D) C Dwyer 9-8 | S De Sousa | 76 |
| 6 | (7) | 8-34645 | LIEUTENANT RASCAL (14) (D) P McEntee 9-7 | Doubtful | 75 |
| 7 | (3) | 15311L | SOUTHBANK (37) S C Williams 9-5 | S M Levey | 75 |
| 8 | (5) | 33622-0 | ACER (56) C Cox 9-4 | Rossa Ryan | 76 |

VISOR: No. 1 TONGUE STRAP: No. 7 CHEEK PIECES: No. 6.

**SP FORECAST:** 5-2 Fidelius, 11-4 Horse Whisperer, 4 Bint Havana Gold, 11-2 Split The Profit, 15-2 Kiss And Run, 14 Acer, 16 Southbank.

**2023: Desperate Hero 9-8, T Marquand 3-1 Fav (J Channon), drawn (7), 6 ran.**

### 6.00 EBF RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES
2YO £3,672 (5) 5f 21yds (13)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (11) | 65 | ANT COLONY (37) E J-Houghton 9-7 | C Bishop | 76 |
| 2 | (4) | 5 | COLOCOLO (13) K P De Foy 9-7 | B Sayette | 62 |
| 3 | (7) | 6 | DISTANT RUMBLE (42) R Teal 9-7 | L Edmunds | 70 |
| 4 | (13) | 3 | ● INVINCIBLE CROWN (11) R Hughes 9-7 | F Marsh | ★77 |
| 5 | (8) | L54 | SUPER DINO (45) Miss A Murphy 9-7 | S De Sousa | 67 |
| 6 | (2) | 0 | ANGEL AT MIDNIGHT (13) M Murphy & M Keady 9-2 | P Bradley | 36 |
| 7 | (10) | | DANDIZAAM J R Jenkins 9-2 | K O'Neill | – |
| 8 | (1) | 5 | HAPPY HAPPY (16) M Usher 9-2 | L Morris | 23 |
| 9 | (12) | 5 | JOHN'S DRAGON (24) T Dascombe 9-2 | P-L Jamin | 54 |
| 10 | (9) | L | PATHETIC FALLACY (12) J Butler 9-2 | R Dawson | 49 |
| 11 | (3) | 43 | ROSELILY (16) (F) Jack Jones 9-2 | Dylan Hogan | 73 |
| 12 | (5) | 055 | SIENNA GOLD (9) B Millman 9-2 | J Gilligan | 63 |
| 13 | (6) | | TIANA ROSE P McBride 9-2 | A Farragher | – |

CHEEK PIECES: No. 5 HOOD: No. 1.

**SP FORECAST:** 3 Ant Colony, 7-2 Invincible Crown, 6 John's Dragon, 13-2 Distant Rumble, Roselily, 7 Colocolo, 8 Super Dino, 14 Sienna Gold, 25 Others.

**2023: Queues Likely 9-2, Sean Levey 15-2 (J S Moore), drawn (2), 10 ran.**

### 6.30 FITZDARES RESTRICTED NOVICE STAKES
£4,320 (5) 1m 2f (7)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (4) | 21 | ● MASTER BUILDER (32) (D) D Menuisier 3 9-11 | O Murphy | 82 |
| 2 | (2) | 1 | RIBBA HILL (45) G Tuer 3 9-9 | H Shaw | 73 |
| 3 | (6) | 43 | MASTEROFGREYGOOSE (26) (F) J Parr 3 9-4 | D Muscutt | 77 |
| 4 | (5) | 7 | OFFIAH'S BOY (15) T Ward 3 9-2 | S M Levey | 64 |
| 5 | (7) | | STAR TIME A King 3 9-2 | D Probert | – |
| 6 | (1) | 46 | EPIDAVROS (25) D Loughnane 3 8-13 | Billy Loughnane | 68 |
| 7 | (3) | 92 | GALAXY PRINCESS (32) R Beckett 3 8-13 | Rossa Ryan | ★88 |

**SP FORECAST:** 5-4 Galaxy Princess, 9-4 Master Builder, 6 Masterofgreygoose, 7 Ribba Hill, 14 Star Time, 25 Offiah's Boy, 50 Epidavros.

**2023: Royal Mila 3-9-6, T Marquand 1-4 Fav (W Haggas), drawn (4), 8 ran.**

### THE SCOUT

5.30 Fidelius
6.00 Invincible Crown
6.30 Master Builder
7.00 Get It
7.30 Queen's Guard
8.00 Metabolt
8.30 Thursday

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| 1 | (1) | 1L/8L5-L | KINGENTLEMAN (16) (D) D Menuisier 5 9-9 | S De Sousa | 73 |
| 2 | (11) | 08337-5 | FIRST FOLIO (36) (D) (T) J Camacho 6 9-8 | R Sexton | 101 |
| 3 | (6) | 611252 | MANY A STAR (28) (D) J Osborne 7 9-7 | S Osborne | 100 |
| 4 | (12) | 39-7036 | ● GET IT (101) (C,D) G Baker 6 9-7 | P Cosgrave | 93 |
| 5 | (5) | 366-446 | SPANISH STAR (17) (D) P Chamings 9 9-7 | D Probert | ★103 |
| 6 | (8) | 3-703L6 | GISBURN (9) (D) R Hannon 5 9-6 | S M Levey | 100 |
| 7 | (14) | 22-2145 | KNEBWORTH (59) (D) R Hughes 4 9-6 | F Marsh | 101 |
| 8 | (16) | 321-125 | BISHOP'S CROWN (24) (C&D) E J-Houghton 4 9-4 | C Bishop | 100 |
| 9 | (13) | LL-0050 | TANMAWWY (101) (C&D) H Main 6 9-4 | Billy Loughnane | 89 |
| 10 | (2) | 731-771 | AMAZONIAN DREAM (28) (C&D) B Millman 5 9-3 | J Gilligan | 99 |
| 11 | (4) | 22-4230 | AL FARABI (61) S C Williams 4 9-3 | Rossa Ryan | 101 |
| 12 | (15) | L/4LL-53 | HOME CITY (30) (D) K P De Foy 5 9-3 | B Sayette | 97 |
| 13 | (9) | 590-L7L | INDIAN CREAK (35) (C&D) J Channon 7 9-1 | R Dawes(5) | 90 |
| 14 | (10) | 5-1200 | KING'S VANITY (37) A Balding 4 9-1 | O Murphy | 95 |
| 15 | (3) | L17L-30 | ALCAZAN (37) (D) R Teal 6 8-6 | K O'Neill | 99 |
| 16 | (7) | 3L1-548 | LADY DREAMER (12) (C&D) T Ward 4 8-5 | L Morris | 102 |

VISOR: No. 16 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 3, 11, 16 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 7, 12 HOOD: Nos. 1, 9.

**SP FORECAST:** 9-2 Amazonian Dream, 7 Get It, Bishop's Crown, 8 First Folio, 10 Many A Star, Knebworth, 12 Spanish Star, King's Vanity, 14 Others.

**2023: Sterling Knight 4-9-9, D Probert 15-2 (E Dunlop), drawn (4), 9 ran.**

### 7.30 FITZDARES WINDSOR HANDICAP
3YO £9,631 (3) 6f 12yds (7)

| | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (7) | 8-15 | ARAMRAM (16) (D) R Hannon 9-9 | S Hitchcott | 90 |
| 2 | (4) | 11-6474 | SALVUCCIO (14) G Boughey 9-8 | Billy Loughnane | 94 |
| 3 | (3) | 41-231 | ● QUEEN'S GUARD (13) (D,F) M Bell 9-6 | D Tudhope | 97 |
| 4 | (1) | 11-9246 | BEYOND BORDERS (11) (D) (T) K R Burke 9-2 | O Murphy | 97 |
| 5 | (6) | 663-119 | JIMMY SPEAKING (5) (D) C Dwyer 9-1 | S De Sousa | 98 |
| 6 | (2) | 41-727 | SKY WARRIOR (17) (D) C Cox 8-13 | Rossa Ryan | 97 |
| 7 | (5) | 411L-24 | THE GOOD BISCUIT (11) (D) J Channon 8-12 | D Probert | ★99 |

BLINKERS: No. 2.

**SP FORECAST:** 6-4 Queen's Guard, 10-3 Aramram, 7 The Good Biscuit, 8 Jimmy Speaking, Salvuccio, 10 Beyond Borders, 12 Sky Warrior.

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### 8.00 FITZDARES JUNE HANDICAP
£5,653 (4) 1m 31yds (8)

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | (5) | 091-356 | DIDEROT (80) (D) J Ferguson 6 9-11 | D Muscutt | 92 |
| 2 | (7) | 352-078 | EXCEL POWER (15) (C&D) A Watson 6 9-11 | L Morris | ★95 |
| 3 | (4) | 31-1675 | COMPOSITE (7) G Boughey 4 9-9 | Billy Loughnane | 94 |
| 4 | (3) | 0636-41 | ● METABOLT (13) (C&D) D Loughnane 5 9-9 | Rossa Ryan | 93 |
| 5 | (1) | 410308 | HIERONYMUS (24) (D) G Baker 8 9-7 | C Bishop | 92 |
| 6 | (8) | 14522/5 | NAP HAND (26) A King 4 9-4 | R Coakley | 92 |
| 7 | (6) | L480-03 | HIGH SPIRITED (14) (C&D) H Candy 4 9-1 | T Whelan | 92 |
| 8 | (2) | 255617 | THAPA VC (26) M Rimell 6 8-11 | D Probert | 93 |

BLINKERS: No. 3 TONGUE STRAP: No. 8 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 5, 7, 8 HOOD: Nos. 1, 6.

**SP FORECAST:** 11-4 Metabolt, 4 Diderot, 9-2 High Spirited, 5 Nap Hand, 7 Composite, 12 Hieronymus, Thapa VC, 14 Excel Power.

**2023: Metabolt 4-9-3, L Pearson(3) 13-8 Fav (D Loughnane), drawn (1), 5 ran.**

### 8.30 FITZDARES CLASSIFIED STAKES
£3,768 (6) 1m 3f 99yds (16)

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| 1 | (8) | 37L-50L | ATWIXADAY (13) G & J Moore 4 9-13 | Jason Watson | 51 |
| 2 | (1) | 1L24-06 | BIG JIMBO (20) G & J Moore 7 9-13 | C Shepherd | ★60 |
| 3 | (5) | 500-656 | CENTRAL CITY (14) (D) B Brookhouse 9 9-13 | J Gilligan | 52 |
| 4 | (12) | 7-82544 | CERTAIN STYLE (28) Mrs L Mongan 4 9-13 | D Muscutt | 51 |
| 5 | (10) | 233373 | FOINIX (13) J & S Best 4 9-13 | Dylan Hogan | 52 |
| 6 | (6) | 7-02446 | IREZUMI (20) J Boyle 4 9-13 | C Bennett | 54 |
| 7 | (15) | 850-584 | NATIVE MELODY (14) G Kelleway 4 9-13 | S Osborne | 49 |
| 8 | (2) | 7-L0LL2 | PIRANHEER (13) J & S Best 5 9-13 | L Keniry | 51 |
| 9 | (3) | LL54 | ● THURSDAY (20) S Dow 4 9-13 | S De Sousa | 52 |
| 10 | (9) | 7L9683 | EXCEPTIONALITY (9) M Loughnane 3 9-0 | Billy Loughnane | 46 |
| 11 | (7) | 0LL | GLAD HOPE (63) S Lycett 3 9-0 | Elisha Whittington(3) | – |
| 12 | (16) | 9L7- | LADY BIRDIE (173) A Balding 3 9-0 | D Probert | 42 |
| 13 | (11) | L5-53 | LETMEBETHEBOSS (13) (F) W Muir & C Grassick 3 9-0 | L Edmunds | 48 |
| 14 | (13) | 0LL-7 | PAGAN KING (32) M Murphy & M Keady 3 9-0 | P Bradley | 36 |
| 15 | (4) | L-L56 | PLATINUM PERFECT (14) A Perrett 3 9-0 | B Sayette | 19 |
| 16 | (14) | 80LL-L2 | TOP FLIGHT CENTURY (9) (F) Sir M Prescott 3 9-0 | L Morris | 52 |

BLINKERS: Nos. 6, 7 VISOR: Nos. 1, 2, 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 12.

**SP FORECAST:** 4 Top Flight Century, 5 Big Jimbo, 11-2 Letmebetheboss, 7 Foinix, 8 Piranheer, Thursday, 12 Native Melody, Central City, 14 Others.

**2023: It's How We Roll 9-10-1, D E Hogan 11-1 (H Oliver), drawn (13), 15 ran.**

**TRACK FACTS: GOING:** Good to Firm. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Oisin Murphy 19% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** R Hannon 14% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 5.30 Lieutenant Rascal (cheek pieces), 6.00 Super Dino (cheek pieces), Ant Colony (hood), 7.00 Al Farabi (tongue strap), 7.30 Salvuccio (blinkers), 8.00 High Spirited (cheek pieces), Composite (blinkers). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 5.30 Horse Whisperer(hcp). 6.00 Ant Colony. 7.00 Bishop's Crown(hcp). **DRAW:** High numbers hold a slight advantage in sprints. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Beyond Borders** (7.30) 243 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 7.00 **Al Farabi** from R Varian to S C Williams. 8.30 **Glad Hope** from J & R Flint to S Lycett.

## RESULTS

### DONCASTER: Good

**2.10–AL MUQDAD** (D Nolan, 7-2 fav) 1; Finbar's Lad (4-1 jt 2nd fav) 2; Charencey (9-2) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, 1l. (D O'Meara). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.60, £1.70, £1.80. exacta: £19.40. tricast: £63.10. trifecta: £87.30. CSF: £17.35. Non-runner: Deputy.

**2.40–SNAZZY JAZZY** (Dale Swift, 12-1) 1; Cue's Beau (13-2) 2; Lahab (6-1 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. ¾l, ½l. (S Spencer; 7-2 fav Buckshaw Village). Tote: £14.70; pl £3.20, £2.30, £2.20. exacta: £109.00. tricast: £517.05. trifecta: £765.20. CSF: £85.83. Non-runner: Algheed.

**3.10–WOLF OF BADENOCH** (J P Spencer, 15-2) 1; Lazy Griff (8-1) 2; Sir Paul Ramsey (14-1) 3. 9 ran. 1½l, nk. (H Palmer; 11-10 fav Cabelleroso). Tote: £8.50; pl £2.20, £2.00, £3.20. exacta: £44.80. trifecta: £439.20. CSF: £62.07. Non-runner: Tilted Kilt.

**3.40–OXFORD COMMA** (H Crouch, 7-2 2nd fav) 1; Hosaamm (10-11 fav) 2; Inner Peace (8-1) 3. 12 ran. 3l, 1l. (R Beckett). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.50, £1.20, £2.20. exacta: £7.50. trifecta: £32.00. CSF: £7.06.

**4.10–SOCIETY LION** (D Muscutt, 18-1) 1; Utilis (11-1) 2; Al Marmar (10-1) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 1¼l, nk. (E Dunlop; 4-1 fav Great Max). Tote: £19.00; pl £3.80, £3.70, £3.40. exacta: £267.00. tricast: £1378.27. trifecta: £3296.50. CSF: £202.81. Non-runners: City Of York, Harswell Duke, Lady Of Arabia, Rogue Sea, Speriamo.

**4.40–AMAZING WINNIE** (Louise Akehurst, 14-1) 1; Forgotten Treasure (11-2 jt 2nd fav) 2; Big Blue Boy (17-2) 3. H'cap 10 ran. ½l, nk. (K Ryan; 3-1 fav Eagle Landed). Tote: £21.00; pl £4.80, £1.90, £2.90. exacta: £146.80. tricast: £722.55. trifecta: £1040.70. CSF: £90.20. Non-runners: Nasneen, Profiteer.

**5.10–KURIMU** (S De Sousa, 7-2 jt 2nd fav) 1; Borderline Boss (9-4 fav) 2; Dollarindex (22-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. ½l, hd. (C Dwyer). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.40, £1.40, £4.90. exacta: £15.00. tricast: £148.65. trifecta: £238.10. CSF: £11.87. Non-runners: Badosa, Stars Away.

**5.40–WARRENDALE WAGYU** (G Sanna, 12-1) 1; Marcus (28-1) 2; Ifonlytheycudtalk (16-1) 3. H'cap 12 ran. 1l, ¾l. (J & S Quinn; 7-2 fav Showboated). Tote: £14.20; pl £4.00, £5.10, £4.40. exacta: £300.10. tricast: £3918.38. trifecta: £4004.40. CSF: £261.26. Non-runner: Stoneacre Girl.Stoneacre Girl| Rule 4 applies to All Bets, deduct 10p in the pound

**Placepot: £2,762.40**
**(Race 1) 3, 8, 5; (2) 2, 6, 3; (3) 9, 3, 6; (4) 6, 5, 7; (5) 5, 14, 9; (6) 10, 11, 9;**
**Quadpot: £249.60**

### SALISBURY: Good to firm-good in places

**2.25–TRES CHIC** (Shariq Mohd, 17-2) 1; Rothay Park (13-2) 2; Clear Aim (16-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 1¾l, nk. (J S Moore; 9-4 fav Orbital). Tote: £11.20; pl £1.90, £4.70, £2.80. exacta: £64.50. tricast: £866.30. trifecta: £595.40. CSF: £61.75.

**2.55–PUMALIN PARK** (S Osborne, 7-2 fav) 1; Sayifyouwill (9-2) 2; Snuggle (14-1) 3. H'cap 9 ran. nk, ns. (Sir M Stoute). Tote: £4.50; pl £1.70, £1.70, £2.70. exacta: £21.20. tricast: £196.77. trifecta: £239.10. CSF: £19.48.

**3.25–NEW KINGS ROAD** (S M Levey, 7-2) 1; Never Dream (10-3 2nd fav) 2; Hello Cotai (7-2) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 1½l, ½l. (R Hannon; 2-1 fav Beach Point). Tote: £4.60; pl £2.20, £2.20. exacta: £18.80. tricast: £42.37. trifecta: £53.40. CSF: £15.31. Non-runner: Timebar.

**4.00–AN OUTLAW'S GRACE** (S M Levey, 15-8 fav) 1; Aysgarth (4-1) 2; Chelsea Embankment (16-1) 3. 8 ran. 1¼l, ½l. (R Hannon). Tote: £2.88; pl £1.30, £1.40, £2.40. exacta: £10.30. trifecta: £54.60. CSF: £9.34.

**4.30–EJAABIYAH** (James Doyle, 2-5 fav) 1; Catch The Light (17-2) 2; Domaine Des Combes (22-1) 3. 7 ran. 4¾l, 3¼l. (R Varian). Tote: £1.40; pl £1.10, £2.60. exacta: £4.90. trifecta: £30.80. CSF: £4.59. Non-runners: Galaxy Princess, Matwana.

**5.00–EXPERT WITNESS** (G Rooke, 2-1 fav) 1; God Of Fire (9-2 jt 2nd fav) 2; Chips And Rice (9-2 jt 2nd fav) 3. H'cap 9 ran. 1¼l, 1¾l. (Sir M Todd). Tote: £3.00; pl £1.30, £2.00, £1.80. exacta: £12.90. tricast: £35.49. trifecta: £51.80. CSF: £10.72.

**5.30–TARITINO** (Taylor Fisher, 5-4 fav) 1; Wilderness (20-1) 2; Rebel Angel (10-1) 3. H'cap 7 ran. 2¼l, nk. (J Tickle). Tote: £2.25; pl £1.20, £7.20. exacta: £25.90. tricast: £173.15. trifecta: £199.80. CSF: £27.78. Non-runner: Masqool.

**Placepot: £79.40**
**(Race 1) 8, 3, 9; (2) 1, 5, 8; (3) 8, 5; (4) 1, 2, 3; (5) 1, 2; (6) 5, 6, 2;**
**Quadpot: £6.10**

### THIRSK: Good to soft-good in places

**3.45–ALICE FAIRFAX** (T Eaves, 5-1) 1; Miss Hathaway (16-1) 2; Beronia (3-1 fav) 3. 13 ran. hd, 1¼l. (K Ryan). Tote: £6.00; pl £2.10, £3.90, £1.60. exacta: £86.30. trifecta: £339.90. CSF: £77.12. Non-runners: Baileys Honeymoon, Go On Rosie.

**4.15–TELEMARK** (J Mitchell, 11-2) 1; Longhaired General (7-1) 2; Cargin Bhui (8-1) 3. H'cap 10 ran. 1l, 1l. (S & E Crisford; 9-2 jtfav Diligent Resdev, 9-2 jtfav Burdett). Tote: £6.50; pl £2.20, £2.30, £2.10. exacta: £43.10. tricast: £315.54. trifecta: £278.60. CSF: £42.45. Non-runners: Our Havana, Paborus, Topanga.

**4.45–MERESIDE DIVA** (C Rodriguez, 11-4 2nd fav) 1; Mezzo Soprano (6-4 fav) 2; Zapphire (13-2) 3. H'cap 6 ran. ½l, 3l. (D & N Barron). Tote: £3.75; pl £1.70, £1.40. exacta: £7.90. trifecta: £31.20. CSF: £7.17.

**5.15–ALIGN THE STARS** (J Fanning, 4-1) 1; Hampden (9-1) 2; Too Bossy For Us (3-1 fav) 3. H'cap 11 ran. 2¼l, hd. (C Johnston). Tote: £5.10; pl £3.20, £1.50, £1.60. exacta: £45.10. tricast: £122.94. trifecta: £181.40. CSF: £37.45. Non-runner: Extra Beat.

**5.45–AMERICAN AFFAIR** (Amie Waugh, 6-1 2nd fav) 1; Lethal Nymph (9-1) 2; Jer Batt (9-1) 3; Fair Wind (4-1 fav) 4. H'cap 16 ran. 1l, 1¼l, 1l. (J Goldie). Tote: £7.70; pl £2.00, £2.50, £2.60, £1.60. exacta: £70.30. tricast: £503.45. trifecta: £480.90. CSF: £60.34. Non-runner: Tatterstall.

**6.15–LETSBEFRANK** (Amie Waugh, 4-1 fav) 1; Rathgar (11-2 2nd fav) 2; Artisan Dancer (50-1) 3. H'cap 15 ran. 1½l, ¾l. (J Goldie). Tote: £5.10; pl £2.20, £2.50, £12.90. exacta: £35.50. tricast: £1002.49. trifecta: £1449.10. CSF: £25.06.

**6.45–GLORY HYDE** (Billy Loughnane, 20-1) 1; It's Showtime (12-1) 2; Zaphea (28-1) 3; Northern Prince (28-1) 4. H'cap 19 ran. ¾l, nk, hd. (R Fell & S Murray; 11-2 fav Alfa Moonstone). Tote: £25.00; pl £5.10, £3.00, £7.90, £5.90. exacta: £354.00. tricast: £6801.84. trifecta: £3402.60. CSF: £245.64.

**Jackpot: Not won, pool of £13,238.25 carried over.**
**Placepot: £54.20**
**(Race 1) 1, 11, 4; (2) 1, 11, 10; (3) 3, 2; (4) 2, 7, 6; (5) 15, 14, 10, 4; (6) 15, 4, 5;**
**Quadpot: £5.30**

## VITAL STATISTICS

**IN-FORM TRAINERS** (last 10 days) G Tutty 80% (2 wins and 2 places from 5 runners), D Thompson 75% (1/2/4), G Boughey 64% (12/6/28), T Waggott 62% (1/4/8), W Muir & C Grassick 60% (4/5/15), Craig Lidster 58% (5/9/24), C Cox 50% (5/6/22), C Dwyer 50% (1/2/6), D Donovan 50% (2/0/4), J Tickle 50% (2/0/4), P McBride 50% (2/1/6).

**IN-FORM JOCKEYS** Oisin Murphy 53% (11 wins and 20 places from 59 runners), William Pyle 53% (4/5/17), Hector Crouch 52% (3/8/21), Miss Brodie Hampson 50% (1/1/4), Oliver Searle 50% (1/1/4), Ross Coakley 50% (2/4/12), Sean Kirrane 50% (3/3/12).

## GOSSIP FROM THE GALLOPS

**Newmarket: CONDOR PASA**
(4.30 Carlisle)
**Lambourn: KALAMA SUNRISE**
(4.55 Chepstow)
**South: BIG JIMBO**
(8.30 Windsor)
**West: MANUELITO**
(3.30 Carlisle)

## CARLISLE RTV

### 2.00 RESTRICTED MAIDEN STAKES 2YO £3,726 (Class 5) 5f 182yds (9 dec)
1 (8) A FINE CLARET (F) K R Burke 9 7 ........ S James
2 (2) COVERBRIDGE Phillip Makin 9 7 ........ R Scott
3 (6) MAYBERRY MOON M Dods 9 7 ........ C Beasley
4 (9) MISSIONARY RIDGE T Easterby 9 7 ........ S B Kirrane
5 (1) SAXON RAIDER C Johnston 9 7 ........ J Fanning
6 (5) 9 STIRRUP CUP (42) T Easterby 9 7 ........ D Fentiman
7 (7) 7 UNCLE SAM (37) K Ryan 9 7 ........ T Eaves
8 (4) ● ENDEAVOURYOURDREAM R Fahey 9 2 ........ Oisin Orr
9 (3) 443 IWO JIMA (19) Craig Lidster 9 2 ........ W Pyle(5)

**W-Factor: Iwo Jima (60); Stirrup Cup (55); Uncle Sam (51).**
**SP FORECAST:** 3 A Fine Claret, 7-2 Endeavouryourdream, 4 Saxon Raider, 7 Uncle Sam, 8 Iwo Jima, 10 Mayberry Moon, 14 Others.

### 2.30 RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 1) £3,402 (6)5f 182yds (11)
1 (5) 546 BALLYARE (50) (D) L Russell 7 10 2 ........ O McSweeney(3)
2 (2) 625 DREAM DEAL (10) (D) D Brooke 5 10 1 ........ J Garritty
3 (8) L-6L HOUR BY HOUR (132) (D) I Jardine 4 10 0 ........ M Tabti(5)
4 (4) 142 KING OF THE JUNGLE (19) M & D Easterby 4 9 11 ........ Joanna Mason
5 (7) 48-7 ONE OF OUR OWN (14) (D) R Menzies 4 9 10 ........ P Mathers
6 (6) L05 MOTAWAAZY (25) (C&D) M Dods 8 9 8 ........ C Beasley
7 (11) 79-5 PARR FIRE (16) B Haslam 4 9 5 ........ P Mulrennan
8 (9) 8-21 ● MALHAM TARN COVE (24) (D) S Hollinshead 5 9 5 ........ D Costello
9 (1) 0-81 EDGEWATER DRIVE (17) (C&D) W Storey 3 9 3 ........ Paula Muir(3)
10 (10) 345 BESTIE (15) A Keatley 3 9 1 ........ Mark Winn(3)
11 (3) 40-5 ALIBI WARNING (165) R Fahey 3 8 12 ........ Oisin Orr

**BLINKERS: No. 1 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 1, 2, 8, 9 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 6, 7, 8, 10.**
**SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3, 4, 6.**
**W-Factor: Dream Deal (69); Parr Fire (68); Motawaazy (67).**
**SP FORECAST:** 9-4 Malham Tarn Cove, 9-2 Edgewater Drive, 5 King Of The Jungle, 7 Bestie, 10 Dream Deal, 12 Alibi Warning, 16 Others.

### 3.00 RHINO.BET HANDICAP (DIV 2) £3,402 (6)5f 182yds (10)
1 (3) 532 ● BELSITO (7) (F) K Ryan 4 10 2 ........ T Eaves
2 (6) 475 THAKI (7) (D) K Scott 7 10 0 ........ J Hart
3 (8) 0-23 ATOMISE (10) (D) M Dods 5 9 12 ........ C Beasley
4 (9) 485 THE GAY BLADE (5) (D) I Jardine 5 9 10 ........ A Mullen
5 (1) L32 RAIN CAP (9) (D) J Riches 7 9 9 ........ S B Kirrane
6 (2) 563 JOHN KIRKUP (7) (C,D) D Thompson 9 9 8 ........ P Dennis
7 (4) 404 JAMIE'S CHOICE (10) T Waggott 4 9 5 ........ Dale Swift
8 (5) 8-36 STRIKE RATE (18) D Bourke 3 9 5 ........ B Garritty
9 (10) 541 BATAL DANDY (14) (D) R Fahey 3 9 3 ........ Oisin Orr
10 (7) 664 KYBER CRYSTAL (16) R Menzies 5 9 0 ........ Joanna Mason

**VISOR: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 2, 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 1, 9.**
**SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3, 5, 6.**
**W-Factor: Jamie's Choice (69); Rain Cap (68); Belsito (67).**
**SP FORECAST:** 7-2 Belsito, 4 Batal Dandy, 6 John Kirkup, Atomise, 7 Rain Cap, 8 The Gay Blade, 10 Jamie's Choice, 14 Others.

### 3.30 RHINO.BET HANDICAP £4,187 (5)1m 6f 32yds (7)
1 (7) 232 WHIMSY (2) A McCann (IRE) 5 9 11 ........ Oisin Orr
2 (5) 6-04 WHATACRACKER (24) (C) M Walford 4 9 8 ........ J Garritty
3 (2) 3/53- KING OF UNICORNS (352) M Hammond 7 9 5 ........ B Garritty
4 (4) 212 EBONY MAW (19) (F) Ewan Whillans 7 9 3 ........ R Scott
5 (1) 8-36 GLASSES UP (26) (D) R M Smith 9 9 3 ........ Z Wheatley(3)
6 (6) 45L- ● MANUELITO (J33)(T) D Pipe 4 9 2 ........ T Marquand
7 (3) 645 SYCAMORE GAP (37) R Menzies 4 8 12 ........ A Mullen

**TONGUE STRAP: No. 4 CHEEK PIECES: No. 7 HOOD: No. 2.**
**SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 4, 5.**
**W-Factor: Sycamore Gap (81); Ebony Maw (80); Whatacracker (79).**
**SP FORECAST:** 5-2 Manuelito, 11-4 Ebony Maw, 7-2 Whimsy, 8 Whatacracker, Glasses Up, 10 King Of Unicorns, 14 Sycamore Gap.

**TRACK FACTS: GOING:** Soft. Right Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Paul Mulrennan 14% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** T Easterby 8% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 3.00 Belsito (cheek pieces), 3.30 Sycamore Gap (cheek pieces), 4.00 Golden Melody (blinkers), 4.30 Lesrico (hood), 5.00 Greycee Bell (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.30 Ballyare(hcp), Dream Deal(hcp). 4.00 Golden Melody(hcp). 4.30 Unique Spirit. 5.00 Berrygate(hcp). **DRAW:** Low numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile, high best when the ground is soft. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Whimsy** (3.30) & **Veracidad** (5.00) Ireland; **Manuelito** (3.30) 327 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 3.30 **Manuelito** from R Hannon to D Pipe. 5.00 **Greycee Bell** from F Brennan to T Dascombe.

### THE SCOUT
2.00 Endeavouryourdream
2.30 Malham Tarn Cove
3.00 Belsito
3.30 Manuelito
4.00 Fools Rush In
4.30 Qamari
5.00 Questionable

### 4.00 RHINO.BET HANDICAP £4,187 (5) 7f 173yds (10)
1 (4) 17-L TOO MUCH (20) (D) D Thompson 4 9 11 ........ Rhys Elliott(7)
2 (3) 949 ● FOOLS RUSH IN (9) (D) R Carr 6 9 11 ........ JP Sullivan
3 (10) 311 ARKENSTAAR (19) (D,F) M Dods 4 9 10 ........ C Beasley
4 (6) L06 DUMFRIES (15) (D) R Carr 4 9 9 ........ Joanna Mason
5 (1) 0-93 ALPINE SIERRA (14) (D) J Goldie 6 9 7 ........ P Mulrennan
6 (2) 487 HELTER SKELTER (14) R Menzies 4 9 7 ........ A Rawlinson
7 (9) 282 GOLDEN MELODY (20) (D) T Easterby 6 9 6 ........ Oisin Orr
8 (7) 784 BUSHFIRE (14) (D) G Tutty 5 9 4 ........ R Scott
9 (8) 34-1 JKR COBBLER (17) (C) I Jardine 5 9 3 ........ A Mullen
10 (5) 087 ARRANMORE (9) (C&D) M Hammond 7 9 2 ........ B Garritty

**BLINKERS: No. 7 TONGUE STRAP: No. 2 CHEEK PIECES: No. 6.**
**SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 2, 3, 5, 7, 8.**
**W-Factor: Bushfire (82); Helter Skelter (81); Alpine Sierra (80).**
**SP FORECAST:** 9-4 Arkenstaar, 9-2 Alpine Sierra, 5 Jkr Cobbler, 6 Golden Melody, 8 Helter Skelter, 12 Fools Rush In, Bushfire, 14 Others.

### 4.30 BETRHINO MAIDEN STAKES £3,780 (5) 1m 1f (13)
1 (5) L BOLTON (18) T Davidson 6 10 2 ........ P Dennis
2 (6) 40 LESRICO (27) L Williamson 4 10 2 ........ Mark Winn(3)
3 (8) CRAFTY DANCER (J22) K Scott 4 9 11 ........ S James
4 (10) L2 AVIEMORE (18) (F) C Johnston 3 9 5 ........ F Norton
5 (2) 332 CONDOR PASA (38)(T) R Varian 3 9 5 ........ J Mitchell
6 (1) 39 DUBAI FIRST (20) R Fahey 3 9 5 ........ Oisin Orr
7 (9) 44 MELON (20) O Greenall & J Guerriero 3 9 5 ........ B Robinson
8 (13) 6- MIX DE GRIS (297) L Russell 3 9 5 ........ J Hart
9 (3) L- SOMETHING (247) J O'Keeffe 3 9 5 ........ J Garritty
10 (12) 28 UNIQUE SPIRIT (20) D O'Meara 3 9 5 ........ P Mulrennan
11 (7) 0L UNREGULATED (10) M & D Easterby 3 9 5 ........ B Garritty
12 (4) 4 ZOFFANDIA (27) (F,T) W Haggas 3 9 5 ........ T Marquand
13 (11) 3- ● QAMARI (213)(T) J Tate 3 9 0 ........ C Lee

**HOOD: No. 2.**
**W-Factor: Condor Pasa (78); Aviemore (75); Unique Spirit (71).**
**SP FORECAST:** 15-8 Condor Pasa, 4 Zoffandia, 9-2 Qamari, 5 Aviemore, 8 Unique Spirit, 16 Melon, 20 Dubai First, 25 Something, 33 Others.

### 5.00 RHINO.BET FILLIES' HANDICAP 3YO £4,187 (5)6f 195yds (11)
1 (11) 542 ● QUESTIONABLE (24) (F,T) D & C Kubler 9 11 ........ T Marquand
2 (2) 323 MOSTAR DREAMS (23) I Jardine 9 10 ........ A Mullen
3 (8) 133 BLUFFERONTHEBUS (17) (C) Craig Lidster 9 7 ........ S James
4 (10) 6-46 BEGUILING (28) T Easterby 9 5 ........ D Fentiman
5 (5) L26 BERRYGATE (20) E Bethell 9 5 ........ C Rodriguez
6 (3) 853 BUTTERCROSS FLYER (20) (D) Craig Lidster 9 4 ........ W Pyle(5)
7 (4) 06L OAKLAND PRINCESS (36) K R Burke 9 3 ........ C Lee
8 (1) 7-40 ROMANTIC TALE (61)(T) G Boughey 9 2 ........ J Hart
9 (9) 690- GREYCEE BELL (178)(T) T Dascombe 8 12 ........ A Rawlinson
10 (6) 3-90 VERACIDAD (17) A McCann (IRE) 8 10 ........ F Norton
11 (7) 80L- ON THE SHERBET (220) B Haslam 8 4 ........ JP Sullivan

**BLINKERS: No. 10 CHEEK PIECES: No. 9.**
**SOFT/HEAVY WINNERS: Nos. 3.**
**W-Factor: Buttercross Flyer (79); Veracidad (77); Questionable (75).**
**SP FORECAST:** 11-4 Questionable, 9-2 Romantic Tale, 6 Berrygate, 7 Blufferonthebus, 8 Mostar Dreams, 10 Beguiling, 12 Others.

### TABLES

**JOCKEYS**

| | wins | % | last 14 days | £stake |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Oisin Murphy | 42 | 22 | 16/80 | +12 |
| Rossa Ryan | 30 | 18 | 15/74 | +54 |
| Tom Marquand | 27 | 18 | 13/59 | +13 |
| Daniel Tudhope | 24 | 20 | 10/55 | +52 |
| William Buick | 22 | 18 | 6/43 | -30 |
| Connor Beasley | 21 | 16 | 6/54 | -3 |

**TRAINERS**

| | wins | % | last 14 days | £won |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| A P O'Brien | 6 | 28 | 1/3 | £1,617,532 |
| J & T Gosden | 17 | 15 | 3/39 | £808,467 |
| R Beckett | 23 | 18 | 9/49 | £697,948 |
| A Balding | 24 | 14 | 10/74 | £681,731 |
| W Haggas | 19 | 16 | 9/50 | £552,229 |

## CHEPSTOW SSR

### 2.18 AMATEUR JOCKEYS' HANDICAP £2,926 (Class 6)1m 2f (10 declared)
1 (1) 7L-1 BEAUTIFUL CROWN (7) (D,F) Jack Jones 6 11 7(5ex) ........ Mr E Cagney(3)
2 (5) 570 ● SEA OF CHARM (40) (D) G Nicholls 6 11 2 ........ Mr William Dunlop(7)
3 (6) 7L5 MR BOSON (20) Mr W G Harrison 4 11 1 ........ Mr J Nicholls(5)
4 (7) 348 CITY ESCAPE (24) (D) M Loughnane 7 10 12 ........ Miss Tilly Evans(5)
5 (8) 674 BREGUET BOY (50) (D,F) A Watson 7 10 11 ........ Miss B Hampson
6 (10) 85/L AL WASL DREAM (17) B J Llewellyn 4 10 11 ........ Mr P Millman
7 (2) 275 MOON OVER THE SEA (21) A Carroll 5 10 9 ........ Miss S Bowen(3)
8 (9) 225 SKY DANCER (95) Mrs N Evans 4 10 9 ........ Miss Amy Tucker(7)
9 (4) 36L/ KEEPER (J375) C Dyson 6 10 8 ........ Mr Freddie Keighley(7)
10 (3) 006 ZAMBEZI MAGIC (24) (D) B J Llewellyn 7 10 5 ........ Miss Jessica Llewellyn(5)

**BLINKERS: Nos. 4, 5 VISOR: Nos. 2, 6 TONGUE STRAP: No. 3 EYE COVERS: No. 4 HOOD: No. 3.**
**W-Factor: Sea Of Charm (52); Sky Dancer (51); Breguet Boy (50).**
**SP FORECAST:** 13-8 Beautiful Crown, 9-2 Breguet Boy, 7 Sky Dancer, Moon Over The Sea, 10 Mr Boson, Zambezi Magic, 12 Others.

### 2.48 PLAN A CONSULTING HANDICAP £3,716 (5) 1m 14yds (7)
1 (4) 421 ● STOCKPYLE (5) (C,D,F) W Muir & C Grassick 5 9 9 ........ Jack Doughty(7)
2 (7) L-30 OPTIVA STAR (47) (D) R Hannon 4 9 8 ........ J Leavy(5)
3 (5) 10L GREEN POWER (21) (D) J Gallagher 9 9 6 ........ S D Bowen(5)
4 (6) 75-5 MACS DILEMMA (50) (C) J G O'Shea 6 9 6 ........ G Dobie(3)
5 (1) 45-L HADLEY PARK (74) (D) Joe Ponting 4 9 4 ........ W Cox
6 (2) 920- MICKS DREAM (251) D Faulkner 6 9 0 ........ Gina Mangan(3)
7 (3) 110 RACING DEMON (14) (C&D) E De Giles 4 8 13 ........ G Rooke

**CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 4, 5 HOOD: Nos. 2, 7.**
**W-Factor: Micks Dream (87); Macs Dilemma (86); Stockpyle (85).**
**SP FORECAST:** 11-10 Stockpyle, 5 Optiva Star, 11-2 Racing Demon, 7 Micks Dream, 10 Macs Dilemma, 12 Green Power, 16 Hadley Park.

### 3.18 VICKERS.BET EBF MAIDEN STAKES 2YO £5,211 (4)6f 16yds (5)
1 (2) 3 ● FEERAAS (32) A Watson 9 7 ........ H Doyle
2 (1) 43 HOFBURG (10) R Hannon 9 7 ........ Alec Voikhansky(3)
3 (5) 5 RAN AMOK (20) H Palmer 9 7 ........ J Leavy(5)
4 (4) SOLAR EDGE C Mason 9 7 ........ Gina Mangan(3)
5 (3) 6 WAKING DREAM (7) R Beckett 9 2 ........ H Crouch

**TONGUE STRAP: No. 3.**
**W-Factor: Feeraas (73); Hofburg (72); Ran Amok (67).**
**SP FORECAST:** 13-8 Feeraas, 5-2 Hofburg, 3 Waking Dream, 6 Ran Amok, 20 Solar Edge.

**TRACK FACTS: GOING:** Good to Soft. Left Handed. **TOP TRACK JOCKEY (2019-24):** Hollie Doyle 24% Strike rate. **TOP TRACK TRAINER (2019-24):** A Carroll 10% Strike rate. **FIRST TIME:** 2.18 Keeper (wind surgery), 3.18 Ran Amok (tongue strap), 3.48 Inanna (cheek pieces). **BEATEN FAVOURITES:** 2.18 Sky Dancer(hcp). 2.48 Micks Dream(hcp). 3.48 Connie's Rose(hcp). 4.18 Diamondsinthesand(hcp). **DRAW:** High numbers have a slight advantage in races up to a mile. **LONGEST TRAVELLER: Beautiful Crown** (2.18), **Albert Cee** (3.48), **Miss Billie** (4.18), **Global Effort** (4.18) 195 miles. **STABLE SWITCH:** 2.18 **Keeper** from P Charalambous & J Clutterbuck to C Dyson, **Mr Boson** from H Morrison to Mr W G Harrison, **Sky Dancer** from M Crawley to Mrs N Evans. 3.48 **Albert Cee** from P Chapple-Hyam to James Owen.

### THE SCOUT
2.18 Sea Of Charm
2.48 STOCKPYLE (nb)
3.18 FEERAAS (nap)
3.48 On Edge
4.18 Port Noir
4.55 THEWAYTOTHESTARS

### 3.48 VICKERS.BET APP HANDICAP £3,716 (5) 6f 16yds (9)
1 (6) 401- DOLLY GRAY (276) (D) D Loughnane 5 9 11 ........ L Pearson
2 (3) 217- ALBERT CEE (226) (D,F) J Owen 4 9 9 ........ S D Bowen(5)
3 (2) 212 CONNIE'S ROSE (10) (C&D) G Harris 5 9 8 ........ C Hutchinson(3)
4 (7) 00-6 COCO BEAR (63) (D) P Chamings 6 9 8 ........ H Doyle
5 (5) 9LL PUNCHBOWL FLYER (17) (C&D) J G O'Shea 7 9 6 ........ G Dobie(3)
6 (9) 583 GLAMOROUS EXPRESS (19) (D) A Carroll 5 9 4 ........ J Doughty(7)
7 (8) 201 ● ON EDGE (7) (C&D) C Mason 6 9 4 ........ Gina Mangan(3)
8 (4) L23 INANNA (14) Brian Toomey 4 8 7 ........ C Hardie
9 (1) 432 HOWZAK (9) (D) D Faulkner 6 8 7 ........ W Cox

**BLINKERS: No. 5 TONGUE STRAP: No. 6 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 3, 4, 7, 8. W-Factor: On Edge (87); Albert Cee (86); Inanna (85).**
**SP FORECAST:** 4 On Edge, 9-2 Connie's Rose, 5 Inanna, 6 Dolly Gray, 7 Albert Cee, 8 Howzak, 10 Glamorous Express, 12 Others.

### 4.18 VICKERS.BET HANDICAP £2,983 (6) 6f 16yds (16)
1 (11) 331 BAMA LAMA (9) (C&D) B Millman 6 9 9 ........ O Searle(5)
2 (6) 151 HANNAH'S RETURN (39) (D) G Brown 5 9 9 ........ Doubtful
3 (5) 48-L PORTERINTHEJUNGLE (9) (C) D Faulkner 8 9 8 ........ T Fisher(3)
4 (14) 425 DIAMONDSINTHESAND (9) A Wintle 7 9 8 ........ C Hardie
5 (16) L61 GLOBAL EFFORT (13) (D) P McEntee 4 9 8 ........ J Gordon
6 (15) 653 SAVANNAH SMILES (17) (D) G Harris 4 9 8 ........ C Hutchinson(3)
7 (8) L91 ONE HART (9) (D,F) D Donovan 7 9 8 ........ T P Queally
8 (9) 358 SISTERS IN THE SKY (9) (D) G Harris 5 9 5 ........ H Doyle
9 (10) LL8 ISHANI (9) M Hunt 5 9 4 ........ R Clutterbuck
10 (4) 074 ● PORT NOIR (9) (C&D) R Stephens 7 9 4 ........ S D Bowen(5)
11 (3) 4L6 MINTANA (10) (D) H Evans 4 9 2 ........ J Leavy(5)
12 (7) 899 MISS BILLIE (25) M Wigham 4 9 0 ........ H Crouch
13 (13) 525 LOUIS TREIZE (9) (C&D) D Faulkner 8 9 0 ........ Z Lewis(7)
14 (1) 955 DESTINY'S SPIRIT (20) (C,F) D F Davis 4 9 0 ........ G Mangan(3)
15 (12) L80 MUSAYTIR (42) (D) G Harris 6 9 0 ........ E Greatrex
16 (2) 49-9 GLAMOROUS STAR (164) A Carroll 4 9 0 ........ J Doughty(7)

**BLINKERS: No. 7 VISOR: Nos. 9, 15 TONGUE STRAP: Nos. 9, 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 6, 8, 13, 14 HOOD: Nos. 4, 13.**
**W-Factor: Port Noir (68); Mintana (67); Diamondsinthesand (66).**
**SP FORECAST:** 9-2 Bama Lama, 5 One Hart, 6 Diamondsinthesand, Global Effort, 7 Port Noir, 12 Sisters In The Sky, 14 Others.

### 4.55 VICKERS.BET HANDICAP £2,983 (6) 1m 14yds (10)
1 (8) LL-6 BOBBY DASSLER (152) (D) L Mongan 5 9 10 ........ R Clutterbuck
2 (2) 270 GALACTIC GLOW (24) J Tickle 7 9 10 ........ Taylor Fisher(3)
3 (1) 290 AMERICAN ROSE (51) H Evans 4 9 9 ........ J Leavy(5)
4 (5) 375 BOBACIOUS (10) G Nicholls 4 9 9 ........ J Bryan
5 (9) 784 ● THEWAYTOTHESTARS (9) (D) G Harris 5 9 7 ........ C Hutchinson(3)
6 (4) L9-9 DOURADO (20) (D) P Chamings 10 9 7 ........ H Doyle
7 (6) 481 KALAMA SUNRISE (9) (C&D,F) J Channon 4 9 2 ........ E Greatrex
8 (7) 242 LETTER OF THE LAW (9) (D) J G O'Shea 5 9 1 ........ G Dobie(3)
9 (10) 696 DOONBEG FARMER (9) (D) G Brown 6 9 0 ........ Doubtful
10 (3) 357 RAINBOW SIGN (43) M Pattinson 6 9 0 ........ C Hardie

**BLINKERS: No. 8 VISOR: No. 6 TONGUE STRAP: No. 10 CHEEK PIECES: Nos. 2, 5, 7. W-Factor: Doonbeg Farmer (67); American Rose (66); Galactic Glow (65).**
**SP FORECAST:** 9-4 Kalama Sunrise, 11-4 Letter Of The Law, 6 Thewaytothestars, 8 Bobacious, 10 Galactic Glow, 14 Others.

# Losing mum has hit George hard

## MATES RALLY ROUND

From **Adam Hathaway** in Tokyo

**JAMIE GEORGE has revealed his England team-mates helped him through the loss of his mother during the Six Nations – but he is still not over it.**

Jane George, who the captain described as the biggest rugby fan on earth, died, aged 68, in February, just days before England faced Scotland at Murrayfield.

George played in that game in her memory after talking openly about how she was diagnosed with cancer the day he was offered the England captaincy just before the tournament.

Jane's illness meant she did not travel to see George's first two games as captain – against Italy and Wales – which were the first of his internationals she had missed in nine years.

The hooker, who will lead England against Japan in Tokyo on Saturday, admits he struggled to cope with the grieving process.

He leaned on his playing mates for support and they stood with him, but George has still not come to terms with it.

The 33-year-old said: "I will be carrying that with me for a long, long time.

"Yes, I found it difficult, at times probably in the first few weeks post-Six Nations. I'm pretty open about that, I found it challenging. I've spoken to the right people, I've got great people around me but, in that situation, there's no quick fix.

"It's one of those situations that I've got to make sure I stay on top of, keep talking to people, keep open and be honest with how I'm feeling.

"You're inside this bubble and you're almost outside of reality. The most encouraging thing is I have got some people in this team who really care about me.

"We're all in it together and we'll make sure we look after each other and keep an eye out for each other.

"For anyone who comes on tour with England, it should be the best time of your life."

Eddie Jones, now head coach of Japan, gave George his first big break at international level, after taking over from Stuart Lancaster following the 2015 World Cup.

He was back-up to Dylan Hartley, under Jones, from 2016 before getting his first Test start in 2017 and making the No.2 shirt his own. And George is wary of what Jones might be plotting in the first game of his second spell in charge of Japan – and against his old side.

George added: "We don't know but we do know that he gets his teams right for big games.

"This is a huge game for him, the first game in Japan and us going back there. We've got a huge amount of respect for Eddie, he did great things for English rugby.

"When he speaks about Japanese rugby, he speaks a lot about moving the ball, playing a fast game, high tempo, so that's probably something that we can look to, possibly think is coming. But at the same time, who knows with Eddie, he's a master of his craft, isn't he?

"He really gave me my first opportunity and he prepares his teams very well. He'll have a good plan on how to break us down."




**TOUGH TIMES** George, above, and with his parents, Jane and Ian, inset, is still grieving

# Daryl hat-trick is a rare sighting

## RUGBY LEAGUE
**LONDON 6 ST HELENS 52**

ST HELENS hooker Daryl Clark scored a rare 'true' hat-trick and wasn't even aware of it.

The England star, right, crossed in the 45th, 50th and 53rd minutes to pilot Paul Wellens' side back to the top.

It started badly for Saints when former Golden Boot winner Tommy Makinson was forced off with a recurrence of a foot injury. Clark made up for it as he crossed three times consecutively – a rare occurrence in the game.

Clark said: "It's taken me 14 years to get my second hat-trick, so I'm not fussed what order they come in."

Head coach Wellens said: "It's rare. It's great for him to get the reward for doing the tough stuff." Clark also ankle-tapped a flying Jarred Bassett late on.

"That's as impressive as any of the tries he scored," said Wellens.

It was London's first game at Twickenham Stoop for 11 years and coach Mike Eccles thanked fans for turning up in numbers.

"We've got one million against four million in terms of spend, but if we try as hard as we can it gives something for people to get behind," he said.

**STEVE MASCORD**

# Matt says luck was reason he followed abysmal 79 with a 69

From **Andrew Gamble** at Pinehurst

**MATT FITZPATRICK ended a frustrating US Open campaign on a high with an under-par final round that he attributed to "luck".**

Two years on from a career-defining victory in the same event at Brookline, Fitzpatrick fired a one-under 69 to finish a disappointing week on 13 over.

He was all smiles later but insisted nothing differed from his abysmal 79 the day before, a performance plagued by inconsistent ball-striking.

"Luck. That's why I played better today – I got some lucky bounces," Sheffield pro Fitzpatrick said.

"Today I hit iron shots that stayed on the green and I made a couple of putts. It's been like that all week.

"It was just a bit firmer yesterday but pin placements are a big thing.

"There are not too many options out there – with the greens the way they are – but I think pin placements make a big difference.

"There were probably some out there yesterday that were maybe half a shot harder than other days."

Fitzpatrick bears no ill will toward the treacherous greens that hogged the headlines all week.

He lamented the need for precision from the iron clubs, which is not his strong suit.

To comprehend how the leaders are navigating the challenge posed by Pinehurst No.2, Fitzpatrick claimed the course had to be seen to be believed. "You have to be precise, you have to hit good shots," he said. "I watched the coverage, watched Bryson DeChambeau play very, very well and deserve his score.

"I watched Rory McIlroy do the same thing. That's why they are where they are – they hit good golf shots and made the putts to go with them.

"You have to be very precise because it can make you look silly in an instant.

"It's great for TV. I'm laughing myself when people putt it up and over the green and it doesn't stay on.

"It's hard to do it justice when people at home haven't been here to understand the difficulty of it. I think TV has done a half-decent job of explaining that."

But Fitzpatrick added that he preferred the layout to that of the US PGA Championship at Valhalla last month, a tournament won by American Xander Schauffele.

"It's a much better test than the US PGA set-up," he said. "I feel like the US PGAs tend to be pretty similar, you know what you're getting, which is great, but when you come to places like this you've got to do your homework and think your way around a little bit more."

World No.1 Scottie Scheffler finished the championship without carding an under par round all week.

Scheffler ended his campaign with a two-over 72 as he wound up on eight over for the tournament. Fellow American Brooks Koepka finished on six over after a 70.

# FITZ & STARTS




**MAJOR MINORS** Fitzpatrick and, left, world No.1 Scheffler were never in the hunt at Pinehurst

# Taylor a big splash in Rome

AMY TAYLOR earned a maiden Ladies European Tour title with a one-shot victory at the Italian Open.

The English player got off to a solid start on the final day at Golf Nazionale, carding birdies on the third and fourth holes.

Further birdies followed on the 14th and 16th, which meant a bogey at the last was enough to wrap up the win. Taylor's final-round 69 to edge out Spain's Maria Hernandez and victory means she jumps 118 places to 21st in the LET Order of Merit standings.

"I have no words at the moment," Taylor, from Norwich, said.

"I can't really believe it. Earlier this week I went to the [Trevi] Fountain in Rome and I did throw a coin in and wish that I would win. I didn't tell anyone, but it came true. So Rome really is a magical place and I'm so grateful to win here.

"I felt a bit nervous before I started, but once I got on the golf course, it was just another round and I felt good.

"Luckily, I got off to a good start. I had a couple of three putts, which wasn't ideal, but had a few tap-in birdies that really helped me."

**DREAM COME TRUE: Taylor won first title**

## SPORT IN BRIEF

**International Match**

**ARGENTINA (2) ...... 4 GUATEMALA (1) ... 1**
Messi 12, 77 · Martinez 4 (og)
L Martinez 39, 66

**CRICKET**

**T20 BLAST - NORTH GROUP**

**Nottinghamshire v Durham** (Trent Bridge): Durham 58-0 (5.0 overs). Nottinghamshire. *No result. Nottinghamshire (1pts) Durham (1pts).*

**Derbyshire v Warwickshire** (Derby): Derbyshire 133-7 (20.0 overs; D L Lloyd 50). Warwickshire 136-3 (18.5 overs; D R Mousley 66no). *Warwickshire (2pts) beat Derbyshire by 7 wickets.*

**Durham v Lancashire** (Riverside): Durham 218-3 (20.0 overs; G Clark 87, D G Bedingham 78). Lancashire 216-8 (20.0 overs). *Durham (2pts) beat Lancashire by 2 runs.*

**Worcestershire v Northamptonshire** (New Road): Northamptonshire 143-6 (20.0 overs; M P Breetzke 52). Worcestershire 132-7 (20.0 overs). *Northamptonshire (2pts) beat Worcestershire by 11 runs.*

**Yorkshire v Leicestershire** (Headingley): Leicestershire 166 (19.5 overs; R K Patel 64). Yorkshire 146-9 (20.0 overs). *Leicestershire (2pts) beat Yorkshire by 20 runs.*

**T20 BLAST - SOUTH GROUP**

**Sussex v Surrey** (Hove): Surrey 184-8 (20.0 overs). Sussex 130 (18.1 overs). *Surrey (2pts) beat Sussex by 54 runs.*

**Kent v Gloucestershire** (Canterbury): Kent 125 (19.5 overs). Gloucestershire 127-1 (11.4 overs; M A H Hammond 80). *Gloucestershire (2pts) beat Kent by 9 wickets.*

**Somerset v Glamorgan** (Taunton): Somerset 193-8 (20.0 overs; W Smeed 86; D A Douthwaite 4-37). Glamorgan 85 (13.2 overs). *Somerset (2pts) beat Glamorgan by 108 runs.*

**ICC WORLD TWENTY20 - GROUP A—Ireland v Pakistan** (Central Broward Regional Park Stadium Turf Ground): Ireland 106-9 (20.0 overs; S S Afridi 3-22; S I Wasim 3-8); Pakistan 111-7 (18.5 overs; B J McCarthy 3-15).

**GROUP B—Namibia v England** (North Sound): England 122-5 (10.0 overs). Namibia 84-3 (10.0 overs). *England (2pts) beat Namibia by 41 runs (D/L Method).*

**Australia v Scotland** (Gros Islet): Scotland 180-5 (20.0 overs; B J McMullen 60). Australia 186-5 (19.4 overs; T M Head 68, M P Stoinis 59). *Australia (2pts) beat Scotland by 5 wickets.*

**GOLF**

**US OPEN** (Village of Pinehurst, North Carolina)—**3rd rnd** (USA unless stated, Par 70): (a) denotes amateurs **203** B DeChambeau 67 69 67, **206** P Cantlay 65 71 70, R McIlroy (NIrl) 65 72 69, M Pavon (Fra) 67 70 69, **208** L Aaberg (Swe) 66 69 73, H Matsuyama (Jpn) 72 66 70, **209** T Finau 68 69 72, T Hatton (Eng) 68 71 70, **210** C Conners (Can) 69 70 71, Joo-Hyung Kim (Kor) 71 68 71, C Morikawa 70 74 66.

**RUGBY LEAGUE**

**Betfred Super League**

**CATALANS .............. 2 LEIGH .................. 10**
**HULL .................. 18 LEEDS .................. 10**
**LONDON BRONCOS ..6 ST HELENS .......... 52**

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| St Helens | 14 | 11 | 0 | 3 | 405 | 142 | 22 |
| Wigan | 13 | 11 | 0 | 2 | 367 | 164 | 22 |
| Hull K R | 14 | 10 | 0 | 4 | 370 | 189 | 20 |
| Warrington | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 334 | 195 | 18 |
| Salford | 14 | 9 | 0 | 5 | 275 | 270 | 18 |
| Catalans | 14 | 8 | 0 | 6 | 266 | 202 | 16 |
| Leeds | 14 | 7 | 0 | 7 | 256 | 260 | 14 |
| Huddersfield | 14 | 6 | 0 | 8 | 280 | 295 | 12 |
| Leigh | 13 | 5 | 1 | 7 | 254 | 208 | 11 |
| Castleford | 14 | 3 | 1 | 10 | 226 | 416 | 7 |
| Hull | 14 | 2 | 0 | 12 | 180 | 450 | 4 |
| London Broncos | 14 | 1 | 0 | 13 | 140 | 562 | 2 |

**Betfred Women's Super League—** Barrow Raiders 6 Wigan Warriors 46, Featherstone Rovers 10 Warrington Wolves 16, Huddersfield Giants Women 4 Leeds Rhinos Women 42.

**RUGBY UNION**

**United Rugby Championship Semi-Finals**

**BLUE BULLS ....... 25 LEINSTER ............ 20**
**MUNSTER ........... 10 GLASGOW ........... 17**

**TENNIS**

**ATP BOSS OPEN** (Stuttgart, Germany)—**Final:** J Draper (Gbr) bt M Berrettini (Ita) 3-6 7-6 (7-5) 6-4.

**ATP & WTA LIBEMA OPEN** ('s-Hertogenbosch, Netherlands)—**Men's Final:** A de Minaur (Aus) bt S Korda (USA) 6-2 6-4. **Women's Final:** L Samsonova (Rus) bt B Andreescu (Can) 4-6 6-3 7-5.

## TODAY'S DIARY

**European Championship**

**Group E**

Belgium v Slovakia (5pm) ........................ (Live on ITV 1)

Romania v Ukraine (2pm) ........................ (Live on BBC 1)

**Group D**

Austria v France (8pm) ............................ (Live on ITV 1)

**CRICKET**

**ICC World Twenty20 - Group C**

New Zealand v PNG (Tarouba, 3.30pm).
West Indies v Afghanistan (Gros Islet, 1:30am, Tuesday)

## WORLD OF SPORT

# Littler is a Master in the 'big arenas'

### DARTS

LUKE LITTLER revealed he loves "playing in big arenas" after winning his second World Series crown – and his sixth title of 2024.

The 17-year-old had to battle past Michael Smith in the semis, rallying from 4-1 down to win 7-6.

In the final, he dominated Rob Cross 8-3 to take the Poland Masters at the PreZero Arena in Gliwice.

"I'm delighted to get the win, it's an amazing feeling to lift trophies in front of massive crowds," said Littler.

"I had a week off in Orlando [after the US Darts Masters] and there was a bit of rustiness at times, but I've played well overall.

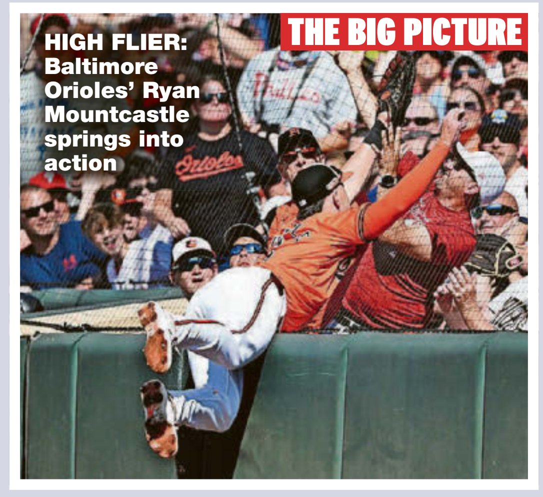
"Rob didn't play as well as he has been doing in the final – I punished him.

"I love playing in big arenas in front of thousands of people. I didn't expect 9,000 in here, it's incredible."

LITTLER

**KEITH WEBSTER**

### THE BIG PICTURE



**HIGH FLIER:** Baltimore Orioles' Ryan Mountcastle springs into action

# Chris real bill-topper

### BOXING

CHRIS BILLAM-SMITH will head to 'Bosc Vegas' this morning for some pancakes, dreaming of Las Vegas.

"From Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas," said the WBO cruiserweight champion after he retained his title and got revenge against Richard Riakporhe at Selhurst Park.

The 'Bosc' is local slang for Boscombe in Billam-Smith's beloved Bournemouth. His favourite breakfast spot – Cafe Boscanova – will be visited this morning.

He would now love to box Mexico's WBA champion Gilberto 'Zurdo' Ramirez in a unification clash.

"The fact I had my debut at home, I always thought, 'Imagine one day if I fought in Vegas," he said. "We could call it from Bosc Vegas to Las Vegas'."

**CHRIS McKENNA**

### 10 to tackle

1. Which Oisin Murphy mount won the Yorkshire Cup last month?
2. **Who took 6-22 and 4-35 for Surrey in their County Championship win against Worcestershire at The Kia Oval this season?**
3. Which golfer won the 2024 Amundi German Masters on the Ladies European Tour?
4. **Which National League football team plays at Boundary Park?**
5. On which island was former England rugby player Delon Armitage born?
6. **What name is given to a score of 40-40 in tennis?**
7. Which American team did Shaquille O'Neal begin his basketball career with in 1992?
8. **What colour is the bull in archery?**
9. Which cyclist was BBC Sports Personality of the Year in 2008?
10. **What name is given to the South American international football championship?**

RATINGS
0-3 Oh dear
4-6 Small beer
7-9 So near
10 Sporting Seer

**ANSWERS:** 1 Giavellotto, 2 Dan Worrall, 3 Alexandra Forsterling, 4 Oldham Athletic, 5 Trinidad, 6 Deuce, 7 Orlando Magic, 8 Gold, 9 Chris Hoy, 10 Copa America.

# Draper wins as wheel of fortune comes full circle

By **Neil McLeman**

**JACK DRAPER celebrated becoming the new British No.1 by winning his first ATP Tour title and embarrassing bungling German sponsors to boot.**

The left-hander is now set to be seeded at Wimbledon for the first time.

Draper fought back to beat Italy's former Wimbledon finalist Matteo Berrettini 3-6 7-6 6-4 in the Boss Open final in Stuttgart.

The luckless 22-year-old missed the grass season last year with a shoulder injury that saw him fall out of the top 100. He reached two Tour finals on his return but lost in the first round of the French Open last month.

Draper though sealed the biggest win of his career yesterday with a 12th ace of the match. "It's incredible to win my first title, it means so much to me," he said. "So many ups and downs, lots of tough moments, but it's moments like these that you have to embrace.

"I've been working so hard behind the scenes and it's a testament to my perseverance and the amazing people I have around me.

"The power of belief, especially in tennis, is huge.

"I want to be someone who goes out and takes command of the court and plays like a top player who's 6ft 4in, instead of a guy who's 5ft 6in. That's really benefited me this week. This win will give me a massive confidence boost. I'll remember it for a long time."

Now Draper, who will play at Queen's this week, is set to break into the world's top 30 – with the Wimbledon seedings confirmed next Monday.

"It's a big achievement, a big goal of mine to be seeded at Wimbledon and hopefully I can have a good run there," he said.

The German sponsors were less confident in Draper winning in Stuttgart. As well as the £95,000 first prize, he was presented with a hybrid e-bike in the khaki kit colours of his opponent Berrettini, who is a Boss ambassador.

Hugo Boss chief executive Daniel Grieder quipped: "Unfortunately this bike is for the winner. I covered it in the wrong colours, Matteo – it was actually for you.

"We have to do a second bike in the colours of Jack. You will both get a bike in your colours."

Draper said diplomatically: "They're confident in their player. I'm sure they're disappointed, like Matteo, but it feels good to pull through.

"I didn't realise I was able to ride it. I've never seen that before. It looked too precious to ride, to be honest.

"I'm not sure how it would look driving down Putney in one of those."

# JACK SHOWS WHO'S BOSS



**GOOD TO BE BACK** Delight for underdog Draper, who checks out the e-bike intended for Berrettini

# Andy still not wild over Paris singles

By **Neil McLeman**

ANDY MURRAY has revealed he is still not "100 percent sure" he will play in the Olympics despite being named in the GB team yesterday.

The double gold medallist has been handed a wild card to play in the singles for a record fifth time.

Murray and Dan Evans have also been nominated as a second British doubles pairing in Paris.

The ITF will give a decision by June 25. Murray, 37, will play doubles with Evans at the Cinch Championships this week before playing with his brother, Jamie, at Wimbledon.

And that could yet be his farewell appearance if he decides against going back to Roland Garros and playing in the Olympics.

Asked if he would play in the singles if he is not also in the doubles, Murray said: "I'm not 100 percent sure. It depends a little bit physically how I'm doing and how the next few weeks go as well. My plan just now is to play, but it's not straightforward.

"I've really enjoyed playing the Olympics over the years and the chance to play in another one, I'm excited about that.

"I find out in the next 10 days or so on the doubles what's going to happen, but, hopefully, me and Evo [Evans] get the chance to play."



**MURRAY:** Olympics doubt

# Boulter goes solo to rain supreme again

DREAM FINISH Boulter, right, on her way to victory and, inset celebrating with family

'Today was brutal – the crowd got me through it'

By **Neil Squires**

**THE Queen of Nottingham Katie Boulter showed all her fight to retain her Rothesay Open title last night.**

Handed a hellish final-day schedule by the rain delays that disrupted the tournament, a weary Boulter came from behind to beat former Wimbledon finalist Karolina Pliskova in the final.

Her 6-4 3-6 6-2 win made it a domestic double for Boulter and boyfriend Alex de Minaur, who won the Libema Open in Holland earlier in the day.

But the Aussie ace was told in no uncertain terms he should have made more of an effort to see her complete it.

Boulter said: "My boyfriend didn't make the trip even though I thought he might after his win in 's-Hertogenbosch, so we will have to be talking about that tonight and see if we are still together. I hope he is listening to this, we have got some talking to do."

## ABSENT DE MINAUR LEAVES HER MIFFED

De Minaur made a rod for his own back in flying in to see her win her first WTA title in San Diego in March after he had won in Mexico. If the field was not quite as good in Nottingham then the circumstances made it every bit as impressive a triumph for Boulter.

She came from behind in three of her five matches including the 3hr-13min semi-final against Emma Raducanu, which finished barely two hours beforehand.

"Today was brutal. The crowd got me through it," she said. "I'm not entirely sure if I am dreaming or if this has happened.

"It is incredible to be here, it's got a special place in my heart, it always will do."

Pliskova was much better rested having been able to watch Boulter's semi-final with her feet up after beating France's Diane Parry earlier in the day. But Boulter got away to a dream start, breaking Pliskova in the opening game only for the former world No.1 hit back to take the set 6-4.

Boulter scrapped hard, breaking early in the second set and holding on to take the match to a decider.

With the crowd giving the Midlands favourite extra energy, she broke Pliskova twice in the third set to streak into a 5-1 lead. "Come on Katie, I want to watch the football," yelled one fan, keen for her to get over the line with the time ticking around to 7.30pm.

Pliskova netted a backhand shortly afterwards, leaving Boulter champion again.

Jacob Fearnley came from a set down to take the men's Challenger event, beating fellow Briton Charles Broom in three sets.

## EMMA DEFENDS OLYMPICS SNUB

By **Neil Squires**

**EMMA RADUCANU says she is no diva and loves playing for her country, despite turning down a Team GB place at the Olympics.**

**Raducanu, who was beaten by Katie Boulter in the semi-finals of the Rothesay Open in Nottingham yesterday, had the carrot of a wild card for Paris dangled in front of her as a former Grand Slam champion.**

**But, after skipping the French Open qualifiers last month, she has also rejected the chance to play at Roland Garros in the Games to prioritise her fitness.**

**"For me, it was pretty clear from the start," she said. "I'm very single-minded and I do things my own way and at my own time whenever I want – not in a diva way – but just prioritising my body and my health, because I know if I'm fit, if I'm giving my 100 percent, I know great things are coming. I just don't think there's any need to put additional stress on my body or any risk, especially with my history.**

**"Clay is more demanding on the body, for sure. It's more physical, it's longer points, but it's more just the change between clay and grass and then back to clay and then on to the hard.**

**"I love playing for my country, but the Olympics is just not the right time for me."**



RADUCANU: Putting body first




FIGHT ON: Buttler, right, is up for the challenge

# England itching to make the most of their tense escape

CRICKET
By **Joshua Peck**

JOS BUTTLER says his England side are "chomping at the bit" to kickstart their T20 World Cup defence after a nervy wait to secure their place in the Super 8s.

The reigning champions squeezed through the group stage on net run-rate, edging out Scotland after the side captained by Richie Berrington fell agonisingly short of shocking Australia.

England will now hope to reset after a chaotic time in the Caribbean. A washout against the Scots, a rapid-fire win over an Oman side that took a grand total of 99 balls and another rain-affected win over Namibia in Antigua on Saturday night means England have hardly had time to establish a regular rhythm.

A heavy loss to Australia in their only full game could have dented confidence but their campaign effectively begins anew in the Super 8s, where they will take on co-hosts West Indies, South Africa and the United States in the space of five breakneck days with a semi-final spot up for grabs.

England had to wait nearly six hours after their match was finished to discover their fate and it was almost midnight in the Caribbean by the time Buttler found out for sure his side had survived.

"It was a nervous watch at times," said the captain. "But we are pleased to go through.

"We're looking forward to the Super 8s and getting into the tournament. Thankfully, we can now prepare for a big week of crucial matches in St Lucia and Barbados against strong opposition.

"It's going to be a challenge but we've had so many rain-affected games people are chomping at the bit to play.

"We've reacted really well, the team has been in a really good place all tournament so far and I thought, with all the anxieties around, everyone handled it well.

"Credit to all the guys who stayed really level, there didn't seem to be any panic."

While Buttler made no secret of his own turmoil over the course of the day, which included a three-hour rain delay at the Sir Vivian Richards Stadium and the very real prospect of an abandonment that would have sent them packing, not everyone in the squad was at their wits end.

Jofra Archer, above, whose return to fitness has elevated the English attack after a long absence, had a very different response. For Buttler, it was an encouraging sign of a player back at ease on the international stage.

"We were having a good laugh because we were in and out looking at the weather and Jofra was asleep on a bench," he said.

"He didn't look too stressed and I think that tells you where he's at, he's in a really good place."

# Saved by the Bell but made by Saka

## WILLING ASSISTANT DESERVES CREDIT

From **Andy Dunn** in Gelsenkirchen

**AFTER Jude Bellingham had introduced himself to Euro 2024 with typical Jude Bellingham timing, Harry Kane made a beeline for Bukayo Saka.**

It was a captain's gesture – making sure the provider got the same sort of credit as the man who was knee-sliding towards the cameras.

And it was recognition for a player whose contribution to Gareth Southgate's overall body of work can sometimes be underestimated.

Ahead of this match, when Southgate's attacking permutations were being discussed, the odd pundit suggested starting line-ups that did not include Saka.

That was never going to happen. Away from the Arsenal attacker's club manager and colleagues, no one values Saka's effectiveness more highly than the England manager does.

It is an honour that he has never shouted about from the rooftops but, in case you didn't know, Saka has been England's official Player of the Year for the past two seasons. And both times, that honour was most definitely well deserved. In his 24 starts for his country, Saka now has 27 goal contributions, rarely failing to make an impact in a game.

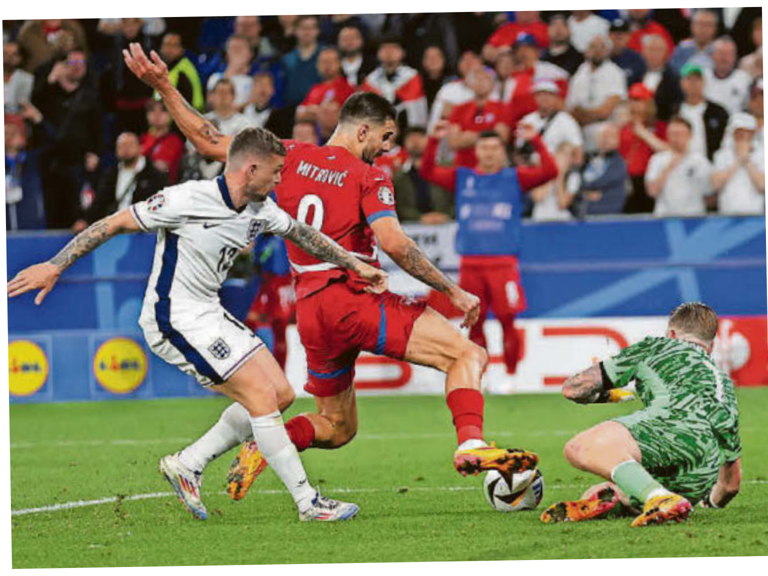
The assist for Bellingham's bullet header inside the quarter-hour mark was just a touch fortuitous – taking a deflection en route – but the run that got him into the position of danger was typical of his work, particularly his first-half work.

And his combination with Kyle Walker is, quite possibly, England's most potent attacking ploy. Apart from the goal, every dangerous moment created by England in the first half came down the right-hand side.

Serbia's left-sided defender Strahinja Pavlovic really had a torrid time.

In fact, England would have been further ahead at the break had Phil Foden – after Saka had yet again scooted beyond his defender – read his team-mate's intentions better.

Foden certainly took some time to get to grips with Southgate's tactics and getting the very best out of the Footballer of the Year is a challenge the England coach continues to grapple with. And it is





**DEGREE UNDER** Dangerman Mitrovic is put off by Trippier, but these Three Lions looked out of sorts



TEN HAG: Nothing personal

## Ten Hag OK with Tuchel job interview

By **Fraser Watson**

ERIK TEN HAG was made aware that talks took place between Manchester United and Thomas Tuchel – before Sir Jim Ratcliffe retained him.

The 54-year-old Dutchman learned this week he would be in charge again next season, ending weeks of speculation.

Ratcliffe allegedly made contact with Tuchel to discuss him taking over at Old Trafford, as well as Mauricio Pochettino after he left Chelsea.

Speaking on Dutch television, Ten Hag said he was aware of discussions with the German.

"Manchester United have told me they spoke with Tuchel," he said. "But they eventually came to the conclusion they already have the best manager."

Despite landing a second trophy in two seasons, Ten Hag oversaw an erratic league campaign. But he insisted he did not feel undermined by Ratcliffe.

"Ineos took their time," said Ten Hag. "They are new in football, it's normal to reflect the season. It's no secret that they talked with multiple candidates.

"Manchester United and I still have to find an agreement for the new contract. This isn't easy, we're still going to have to talk about this. But they flew to me while I was on holiday in Ibiza to say they wanted to continue with me."

## MILAN EYE BROJA DEAL

**AC MILAN sent a scout to Dortmund on Saturday to watch Armando Broja play for Albania.**

**Milan want to sign the striker but are hesitant about pursuing a permanent deal, as Chelsea want up to £35million for him.**

**Broja, 22, who barely featured while on loan at Fulham at the back end of the season, was quiet before being taken off late in Albania's 2-1 defeat by Italy.**

**Chelsea are looking to sell – rather than agree another loan – because the academy graduate would reflect 100 percent profit in their financial accounts.**

**Wolves and Everton also have Broja on their radar.**

**RYAN TAYLOR**

**THANKS BUKAYO** Saka delivers the cross that is headed home by Bellingham for the win

a difficult one, especially as right-footer Kieran Trippier still looks slightly awkward when operating on the left. There is certainly no rapport right now between Trippier and Foden. But to think there is still a lot more to come from Foden is a hugely encouraging.

And there will need to be a lot more to come from this England squad, as a whole, if they are going to go deep into the tournament. Trent Alexander-Arnold had, to be kind, a mixed night and there is every chance his tenure in the middle of midfield may well be a short one in these championships.

John Stones was not completely footsure in the centre of England's defence, although his partner, Marc Guehi, left, posted an accomplished performance.

There were as many grounds for concern as there were for encouragement. They didn't create enough with their early dominance and did not look as sharp as you might expect. Let's put it this way, it was hardly a statement performance.

But before he went off after 75 minutes – Saka has been struggling slightly with a groin problem – it was certainly a statement from one player. It was a reminder that when it comes to highlighting the key England players, it is wrong to pick out only the likes of Bellingham, Kane and Declan Rice.

If England do go all the way in Germany, the chances are that Bukayo Saka will have played a major part.






**FIT FOR QUEEN** England's supporters get patriotic as Stones ushers the ball safely out of play



**ON HIS KNEES** Oblak is in despair after Eriksen fires past him to give the Danes an early lead

# Relief for Eriksen even if he is denied a fairy-tale return

**SLOVENIA 1 DENMARK 1**

CHRISTIAN ERIKSEN shared his relief at changing his European Championships story despite Denmark's failure to see off Slovenia in Stuttgart.

The 32-year-old, who in his words "died for five minutes" on his last Euros outing against Finland in 2021 after suffering a cardiac arrest, put the Danes ahead when he collected Jonas Wind's clever flick before firing in.

But Denmark missed several chances, including a sitter from Manchester United team-mate Rasmus Hojlund, as Erik Janza struck a deserved deflected leveller with 13 minutes to play in the Group C opener.

Man of the match Eriksen said: "I do think this time at the Euros my story is very different compared to last time which is a big thing for me personally.

"I was very pleased. I did have in mind that I hadn't scored at the Euros. I didn't think about anything else other than football. I was just happy to help the team with the first goal. It would have been a different story if we got the three points. It was a wake-up call heading into the next game."

Hojlund could have had Denmark out of sight when Victor Kristiansen fizzed the ball across the face of goal but his weak effort was smothered by goalkeeper Jan Oblak.

Denmark had dominated proceedings but Slovenia fought back, inspired by Benjamin Sesko, recently courted by Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United.

After former Middlesbrough striker Andraz Sporar missed two great openings, Sesko fired against the post from 25 yards before Janza found the target from the resulting corner via a deflection off Joachim Andersen.

Denmark coach Kasper Hjulmand hit out at critics that questioned his decision to include Eriksen in his squad following a tough season at Old Trafford.

He said: "I've never doubted Christian as a football player, you cannot hold down that kind of class. He showed quality."

**SLOVENIA (4-4-2):** Oblak 7; Karicnik 6, Drkusic 7, Bijol 8, Janza 8; Stojanovic 6 (Verbic 67, 7), Cerin 6, Elsnik 6 (Celar 76), Mlakar 6 (Stankovic 76); Sporar 5 (Brekalo 90), Sesko 7 (Kurtic 90). **Goal:** Janza 77.

**DENMARK (3-4-1-2):** Schmeichel 6; Christensen 7, Andersen 6, Vestegaard 7; Bah 6, Hjulmand 6 (Delaney 89), Hojbjerg 5 (Norgaard 84), Kristiansen 8 (Maehle 79); Eriksen 8, Wind 7 (Dolberg 90), Hojlund 5 (Poulsen 83). **Goal:** Eriksen 17.

**RYAN TAYLOR**

**RELIEF:** Slovenia got a point but Sporar struggled

# SUPER JUDE

## Lions get off to after Bellingham

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| SERBIA | 0 |
| ENGLAND | 1 |

From **John Cross** in Gelsenkirchen

**JUDE BELLINGHAM strutted around the pitch as if he owned it.**

This was his stage and Bellingham showed that England are blessed to have the most exciting talent at the Euros.

Incredibly, this is Bellingham's third major tournament, he is a La Liga winner, a Champions League winner and is now a European Championship goalscorer.

And he is not even 21 until June 29. Bellingham was just magnificent, powering home a header to give England a precious victory, even if it was rarely comfortable.

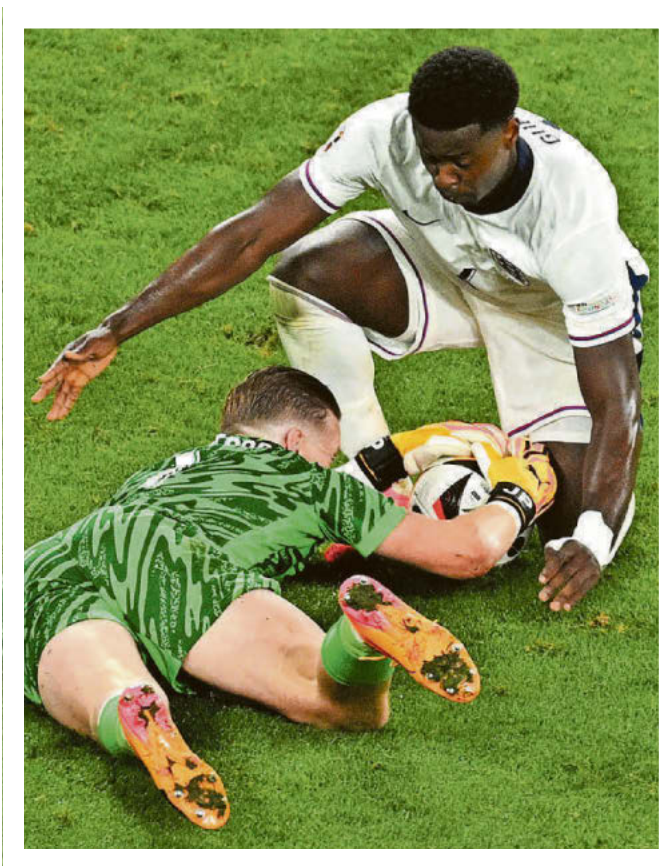
England lost control as the game wore on, allowed Serbia back into it and Gareth Southgate's men were hanging on by the end. Bellingham, who is making the iconic No.10 shirt his own, was England's standout player while Bukayo Saka was also superb down England's right wing.

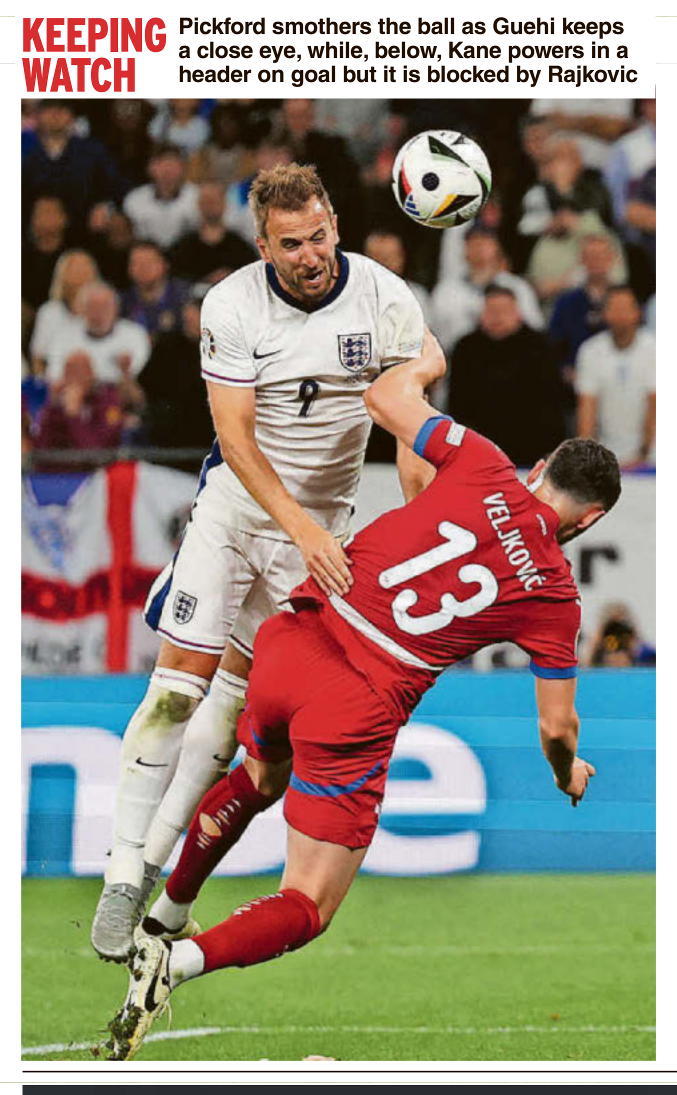
It was Saka who created the goal, Bellingham who scored it and there were some other good support acts with Declan Rice anchoring midfield and Marc Guehi impressing in defence. But not enough other players shone.

The starting XI, the formation and shape still needs work because, while getting the best out of Bellingham, Phil Foden's bright start faded and Harry Kane managed just two touches in the whole of the first half.

The hard truth was that because Bellingham was all over the pitch it impacted upon Foden's space and Kane did not have the space to drop deep and get involved.

Trent Alexander-Arnold had nice moments but the midfield experiment





**KEEPING WATCH** Pickford smothers the ball as Guehi keeps a close eye, while, below, Kane powers in a header on goal but it is blocked by Rajkovic



**SERBIA v ENGLAND**

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Source: Opta

# a winning start steals the show

did not work overall as England were too open at times. England did not get enough quality to offset his lack of defensive duties.

It almost felt as if Southgate, right, had just got his best players in the starting XI in the hope they would sort it out amongst themselves.

But the most important thing for Southgate was to start with a win, because they are now in charge of Group C after Denmark drew with Slovenia.

The puzzles can be solved – and must be solved – but it was still three points even if there are bound to be more questions and inquests despite the result.

England's bravery and quality paid off just when it looked as if Serbia were ready to dig in and defend deep. And sure enough, England's best two players on the night made and scored the goal.

Kyle Walker released Saka with a perfect pass inside the full back, the Arsenal winger's cross deflected off Serbia defender Strahinja Pavlovic but still reached its target in the box.

There was Bellingham powering in with perfect timing to head home into the top corner to give England a dream start after just 13 minutes. Saka and Bellingham were looking like a brilliant double act.

You could see both sides of Alexander-Arnold. His mistake let in Serbia captain Aleksandar Mitrovic who rifled just wide. Then Alexander-Arnold made a superb interception, Saka released Walker whose pace took him clear but his cross shot flew just wide.

England were so close to a second goal after Jarrod Bowen came on. The West Ham winger was excellent and his cross found Kane and his header looked a certain goal only for goalkeeper Predrag Rajkovic to push the ball on to the underside of the bar.

It was close. Too close. But ultimately, England got the job done.






**GETTING IN FRONT** Bellingham manages to hold off Zivkovic as he powers the ball into the net



**FACE OFF:** Bellingham fronts up to Kostic

## ENGLAND

(4-2-3-1) By Simon Mullock

**PICKFORD 6**
Rarely troubled but had to show his bravery when Serbia stepped up the pace after the break.

**WALKER 7**
Shows no sign of slowing down. His consistency gave Saka the freedom to roam.

**STONES 7**
Assured in possession and ruthless in the air. Looked back to full fitness after injury.

**GUEHI 7**
Stood up to be counted when England came under pressure. Never looked out of place.

**TRIPPIER 6**
Playing out of position on the left but it didn't show. Solid at both ends of the pitch.

**ALEX-ARNOLD 6**
Lost possession a couple of times in dangerous areas and could have been punished. Substituted.

**RICE 7**
Prepared to dig in and do the dirty work when the pressure was on after the break.

**SAKA 7**
Star boy's flash of first-half brilliance brought the opening goal but struggled at times.

**BELLINGHAM 8**
The Real Madrid star was not afraid when he steamed to head England ahead. Another top performance.

**FODEN 6**
Seemed to be targeted by the aggressive Serbia defenders and struggled to make an impact.

**KANE 5**
England's captain didn't look fully fit and only had two touches of the ball in the first half.

**SUBSTITUTES**
Gallagher (Alexander-Arnold 69); Bowen (Saka 76); Mainoo (Bellingham 86).

**SERBIA**
(3-4-2-1) Rajkovic 6, Veljkovic 6, Milenkovic 7, Pavlovcic 6, Zivkovic 5 (Birmancevic 74), Milinkovic-Savic 6, Gudelj 5 (Ilic 46), Lukic 5 (Jovic 61), Kostic 5 (Mladenovic 43) , Vlahovic 5, Mitrovic 5 (Tadic 61).

**GOAL – ENGLAND: Bellingham 13.**
**BOOKING –SERBIA: Gudelj.**



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# Bellingham the hero as Three Lions get off to winning start

From **Simon Mullock** in Gelsenkirchen

**JUDE BELLINGHAM scored the goal that got England's bid for Euro glory off to a positive start.**

But what appeared to be a stroll for Gareth Southgate's side, after Bellingham nodded home a 13th-minute cross with a brave header, turned into a nervous night as Serbia piled on the pressure.

Skipper Harry Kane said: "We knew it was going to be a tough game but we dealt with it well. We deserved the win."

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**HELL'S BELLS:** Marksman Bellingham launches campaign in style

# SO FAR SO JUDE

## Great Dane scores on Euro return

ERIKSEN JOY THREE YEARS AFTER HIS COLLAPSE: P49

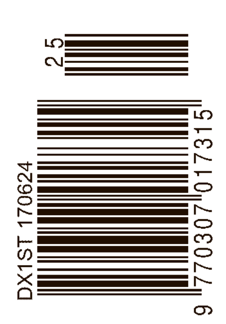
## Jack wins first title

NEW BRITISH No.1 DRAPER'S STUTTGART TRIUMPH: P46

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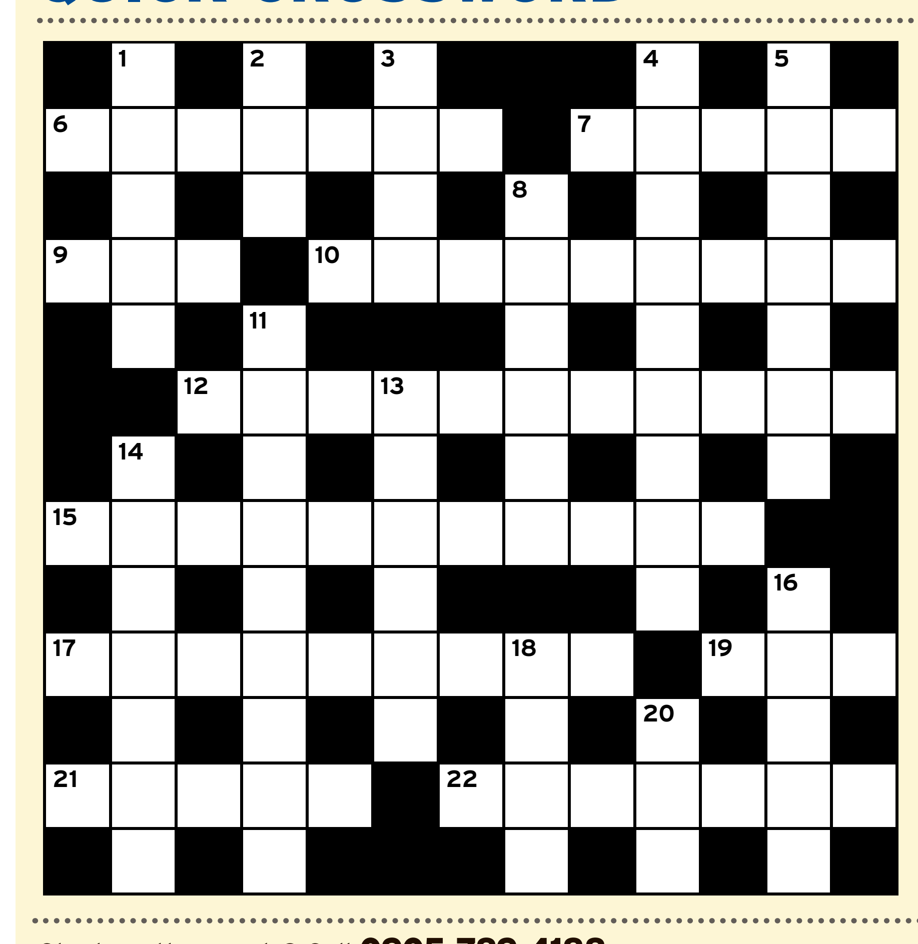
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**21** Quash (5)
**22** Lavish (7)

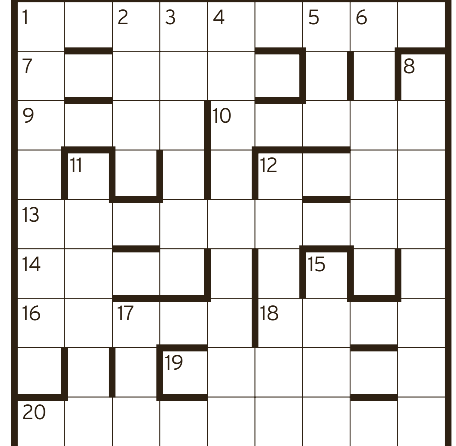
**DOWN**
**1** Big (5)
**2** Fresh (3)
**3** By oneself (4)
**4** Mitigation (9)
**5** Carpentry (7)
**8** Extend (6)
**11** Peevish (9)
**13** Inn (6)
**14** Confiscate (7)
**16** Slack (5)
**18** Enticement (4)
**20** No longer available (3)

**Solution tomorrow**

Stuck on the puzzle? Call **0905 789 4188** to hear individual clues or the full solution

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## SMALL CROSSWORD



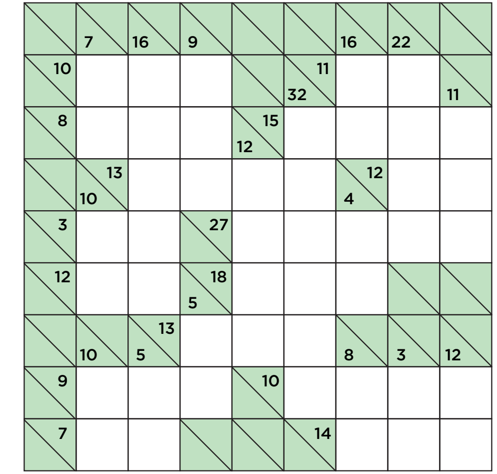
**ACROSS**
**1** Substances used by scientists (9)
**7** Safe places (6)
**9** Grows old (4)
**10** Fish of the salmon family (5)
**12** Liquid measure (4)
**13** Citation (9)
**14** State of untidiness (4)
**16** Fruit (5)
**18** Riding whip (4)
**19** Chess piece (6)
**20** Bangles (9)

**DOWN**
**1** Presiding officer (8)
**2** Level (4)
**3** Nets (6)
**4** Step in (9)
**5** In the past (3)
**6** Set in motion (6)
**8** Matt step (anag.) (8)
**11** Not as shallow (6)
**12** Drawing implement (6)
**15** Encourage (4)
**17** Small green vegetable (3)

**Solution tomorrow**

For today's solution call:
**0907 181 2582**
*Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

## KAKURO



Fill each sequence of blank squares using the numbers 1-9. Each sequence – across and down – must total the number in the shaded box at the beginning or top of each line. A number may be repeated in each line but NOT in a sequence.

**Solution tomorrow**

## CROSS DOUBT

**Target times:** Average: **16 mins** Good: **12 mins** Excellent: **8 mins**

Stuck? Call for a clue
**0901 322 5601**
Halve your Target Time!

Today's solution
**0901 322 5607**
Both today's words in a moment!

*Calls cost 75p plus your telephone company's network access charge.*

Can you make two common five-letter words from the nine letters given, using each letter only once? You can – but only if one letter features in both words in the squares on the right. There's at least one way to do it, and you have to have the right letter at the crossover – but which one is it?

**See if you can find the answer within our target time. If you need help, ring our clue-line below to find out the crossover letter. Solution tomorrow**

E E I N O O S T W

# Puzzles

**WIN £250**

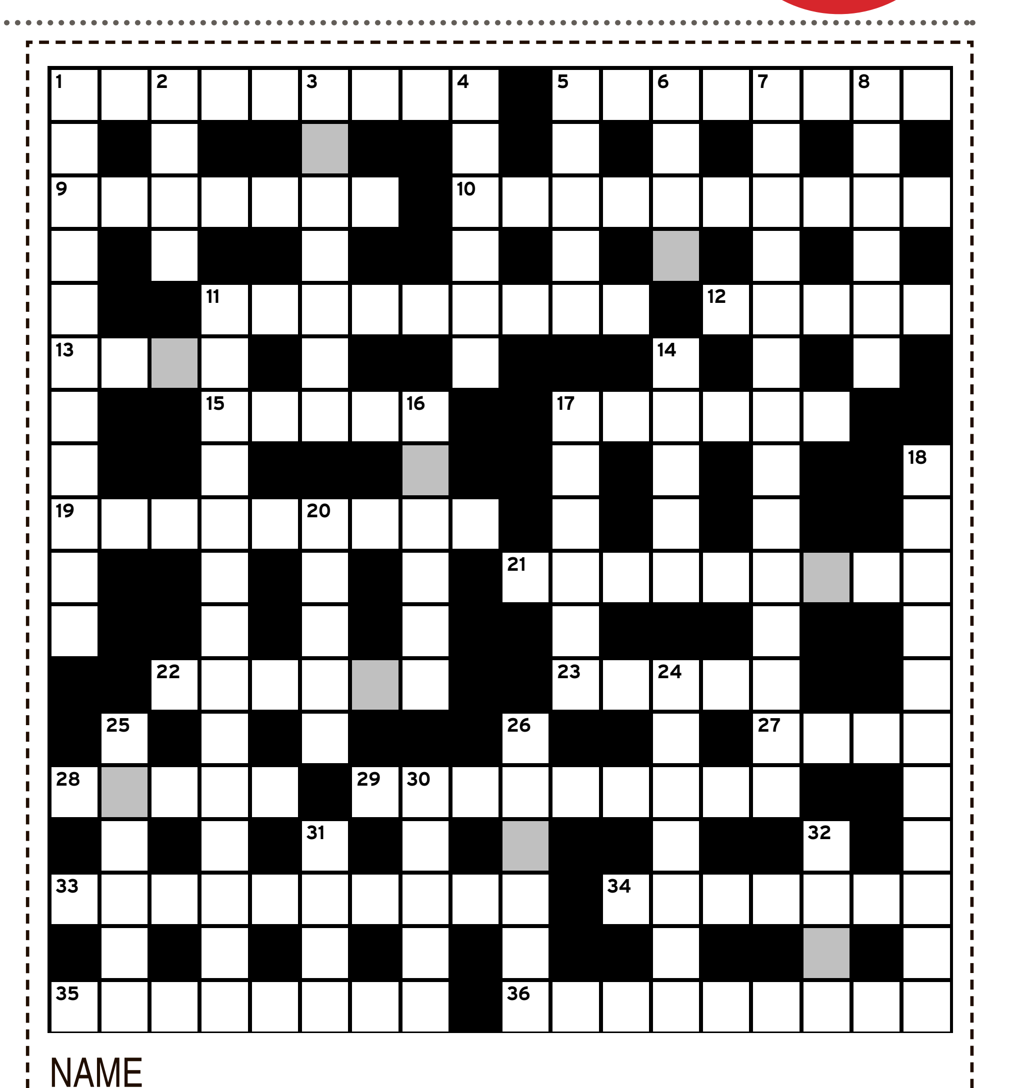
## BIG MONDAY CROSSWORD

### ACROSS

**1** 1964-72 US fantasy sitcom whose protagonists reside at 1164 Morning Glory Circle (9)
**5** Largest moon of Jupiter, independently discovered by Simon Marius and Galileo Galilei in 1610 (8)
**9** In computing, a secure testing environment for potentially harmful software isolated from the main system (7)
**10** Inlet of the Bay of Bengal that separates northern Sri Lanka from southern India (4,6)
**11** Series of four related literary or musical works, e.g. the first or second Henriad by Shakespeare (9)
**12** Mythical king of Crete whose wife, Pasiphaë, gave birth to the Minotaur (5)
**13** 'Heaven has no ___, like love to hatred turned' (William Congreve The Mourning Bride (1697) act 3, sc. 2) (4)
**15** North-eastern coastal state of Brazil, whose capital city is Fortaleza (5)
**17** Antonio ___ (1757-1822), Italian neoclassical sculptor whose works include the tombs of popes Clement XIII and Clement XIV (6)
**19** Chemical element 38, named after the Scottish village at which it was discovered (9)
**21** Jacques ___, German-born French composer of works including the opera The Tales of Hoffmann (1881) (9)
**22** King of Wessex (802-839) who conquered Mercia in 829, having been exiled by Offa in 789 (6)
**23** River of East Anglia forming most of the county boundary between Suffolk and Essex (5)
**27** Infant daughter of Ross Geller and Rachel Green in the 1994-2004 US sitcom Friends (4)
**28** Scotland's deepest loch, in which sightings of the monster Morag have been reported since 1887 (5)
**29** Pulse used as an ingredient of the coronation quiche, signature dish of Charles III's 2023 coronation (5,4)
**33** In geometry, a closed plane figure having eleven sides and eleven angles (10)
**34** Neapolitan dish consisting of pizza dough folded around a savoury filling and baked; literally, 'trouser' (7)
**35** Of food, vacuum-sealed in a plastic bag and slow-cooked in water at low temperatures; French, 'under vacuum' (4-4)
**36** Form of government in which possession of property is a requirement for holding political office (9)

### DOWN

**1** South-western arm of the Pacific Ocean named after Germany's 'Iron Chancellor' (1871-90) (8,3)
**2** Accomplice of the assassin Kidd in Ian Fleming's James Bond novel Diamonds Are Forever (1956) (4)
**3** European country whose local name is Hrvatska (7)
**4** Directional radio or television aerial consisting of two metal rods with a connecting wire fixed between them, also known as a doublet (6)
**5** Division of the Soviet secret police created under Stalin in the 1930s to administer prisons and forced labour camps (5)
**6** Of a legal decree or order, provisional prior to becoming absolute; Latin, 'unless' (4)
**7** Eighth president of the United States (1837-41), known as 'the Little Magician' (6,3,5)
**8** Smaller and outer of the two moons of Mars (6)
**11** Scientific name for the teak tree, in the family Lamiaceae (7,7)
**14** Part of the body whose main section is known as the talocrural, or tibiotalar, joint (5)
**16** Charm, such as a Middle Eastern nazar or hamsa, worn to protect against evil influences (6)
**17** International dog show, held annually in London from 1891, and in Birmingham since 1991 (6)
**18** Military ruler of Chad since 2021 elected to the presidency in May 2024 (7,4)
**20** Westernmost island of the Inner Hebrides, lying immediately south-west of Coll (5)
**24** Aromatic perennial herb of the mint family (Lamiaceae) also known as wild marjoram (7)
**25** Historic Spanish city on the River Tagus declared a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 1986 (6)
**26** Edible seed of any tree of the genus Juglans, especially the common, or English, J. regia (6)
**30** Mutant superhero played by Anna Paquin in the X-Men film franchise between 2000 and 2014 (5)
**31** South American palm tree (Euterpe oleracea) valued for its nutrient-rich dark purple berries (4)
**32** Currency unit of Papua New Guinea worth one hundredth of a kina (4)



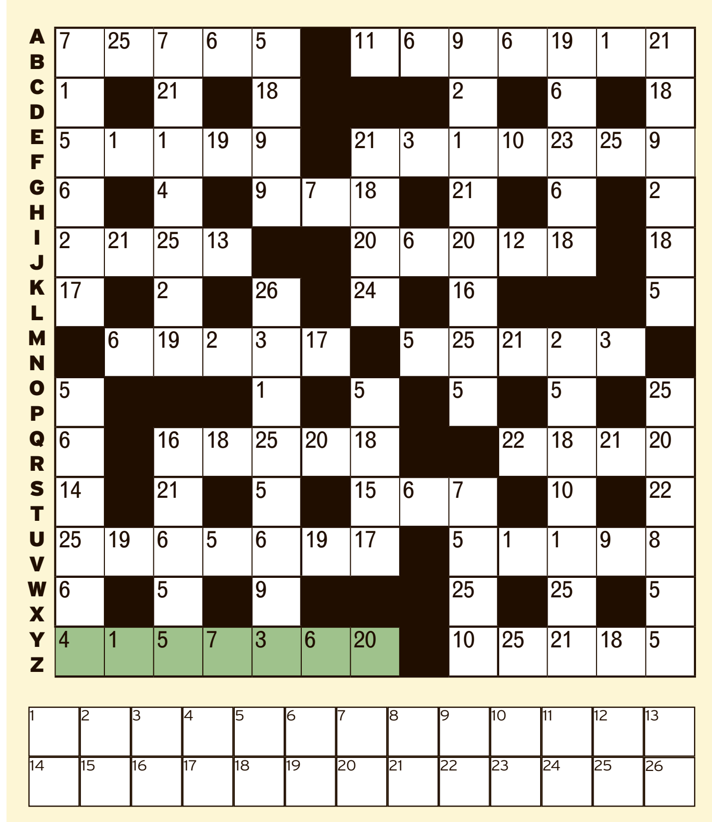
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## STOP THE CLOCK

### THE GREAT ALPHAPUZZLE™ TIME CHALLENGE



**LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION Across:** Pal, Abusive, Large, Whitlow, Modesty, Jaunt, Clique, Yodels, Elite, Realism, Abandon, Drift, SEAWEED, Mum. **Down:** Polemic, Exam, Lurid, Imitate, Reassure, Dew, Byways, Bronze, Ski, Jeopardy, Vulture, Idiom, Twit, Symptom.

**WIN £100**

**25 MINUTES**

Can you beat today's time?

TACKLE the Alphapuzzle™ Challenge – and be in with a chance of a £100 cash prize. FIRST, call the number below and note today's CLUE LETTERS and your unique PIN NUMBER to set your personal stop-watch running. Then, use the clue letters to work out the seven-letter word in the green squares. When you crack the mystery word, call again and enter your pin number to STOP THE CLOCK. Winner selected at random from all correct entrants who beat the 25-minute Target Time. Each grid number represents a different letter. All 26 letters of the alphabet are used.

**Solution next Monday**

**0907 181 2908**

YOUR PIN No. _ _ _ _ _ _

**Calls cost 80p per minute plus your telephone company's network access charge. Lines close 23:59 every Sunday.*

**£100 Winner (June 3):**
C Middleton, Bonnyrigg.

## TO WIN £250 CASH!

**read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.**

**TO ENTER CALL: 0904 161 1601**

**(£1.50 per call plus network extras)**

**Leave your answer and details, or text BIGXWORD followed by a space, your answer, name and address to 88833 (texts cost £1.50 plus your standard network rate) or just complete the crossword correctly and send it to: Daily Express, Prize Crossword (No 1053), PO Box 8694, Derby DE1 9TW Competition closes Friday, June 21, 2024 at 11:59pm. Winner picked at random from all entry routes after close date. NEED HELP? Call 0904 161 1602 for five extra clues! *Calls are £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge.**
*SP: Spoke, 0333 202 3390.
For any postal enquiries, call this helpline.

## BIG MONDAY CROSSWORD SOLUTION AND WINNER

**Monday June 3**

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**£250 WINNER:**
S Watts,
Liskeard,
Cornwall.

# ARROW-WORD

Arrow-words are like crosswords, but the clues are printed inside squares on the grid. Write your answers in the blank squares in the direction indicated by the arrows.

**Solution tomorrow**

Labyrinth / Spanish dish
Jumping insect
Carry On actress, _ Windsor
Sepulchre
Bike for two
Drink other than water
Egg-shaped
Smear
Morning moisture
Naval drink / Ruses (anag.)
Love deeply
Matches
Emblem
Glaring mistake
Switch-board worker
Speak / Sluggish-ness or slowness
Expensive / Store wine here
Punctuat-ion mark / Mineral spring
Nuisances
Pencil rubber
Breakfast item / Adjoin
Total / Jewelled ornamen-tal band
Boat for carrying freight
Gratify / _ Reeves, comedian
Container
African country
Company design
Batman Forever actor, _ Kilmer
Capital of Egypt
Conical tent
Code word for the letter L
Critical, serious / Place to study
Natural ability
Line in darts
Rocky hill / Slang for cat
Clergy member
Amphibian / Tries
Flightless bird
European country
Royal building
_ Keane, pictured
Break-water or mole
7th Greek letter
Harbour for pleasure yachts
Colonise
Interlock loops of wool
Occasion-ally
Damp and cold
Little devils
Epoch
Single entity
Charlie _, pictured
Hatred
Groove
Artist's substance
Moves furtively
Enter data
Nothing
Marine fish

# WORDSEARCH

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**HIKING WORDS**

Find all the terms listed below in the grid.

**Solution tomorrow**

AMBLE ● GALLIVANT ● HIKE ● MARCH
MEANDER ● PACE ● PARADE ● ROAM
SAUNTER ● SHUFFLE ● STEP ● STRIDE
STROLL ● STRUT ● TRAIPSE ● TRAVERSE
TREK ● TRUDGE ● WALK ● WANDER

# FRIDAY'S SOLUTIONS

## THE ALPHABEATER

**Black squares:** 1, 4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 17, 21, 25, 27, 29, 30, 31, 35.
**Across:** Alarm, Clock, Waltz, Shoebox, Qualify, Sou, Lob, Exposed, Assists, Fazed, Banjo, Odour. **Down:** Blowers, Sway, Harlequins, Jazz, Aversion, Amps, Imp, Smog, Acronyms, Frog, Bulldozers, Echo, Burdock.

## THE ALPHAPUZZLE

**Across:** Official, Occult, Convoy, Stellar, Lazed, Elan, Car, Jay, Mire, Ropey, Sublime, Dismay, Excess, Stagnate.
**Down:** Lacrosse, Flora, Cutback, Chowder, Moss (clue), Seaside, Lost, Jerking, Quality, Enact, Terribly.

## TV CROSSWORD

**Across: 1** Chris, **6** Star, **8** Triangle, **10** Eldon, **11** Phill, **12** Affair, **15** Snow, **16** French, **17** Rose, **19** Stewart, **21** Nell, **22** Madoc.
**Down: 2** High, **3** Styles, **4** Anna, **5** Zeta-Jones, **6** Selleck, **7** Ron, **9** Indoors, **13** Rafe, **14** The Piano, **17** Ryan, **18** Earl, **20** Eva.
**TV show:** Red Eye

## ARROW-WORD

**Across:** Sharon, Time, Lots, Rest, Era, Aled, Late, Ado, Tall, San, Nest, Insects, Want, Gaultier, Lee, Rear, Gless, Ease, Pad, O'Neill, Led, Milla, Potato, Con, Meg, Where, Widens, Yes.
**Down (left to right):** Ann, All, Naomi, Cattrall, Squeeze, Ted, Rise, Aloe, Les, Image, Tom, Sat, Cut, Split, Nettles, Allows, Answered, Dane, Area, Lacey, Sin, Ashe, Ore, Opt, Tire, Danes.
**Shaded letters:** Ironside

## WORDS

ASDIC

## MUDDLESOME

Léo Delibes
François Couperin
Claude Debussy

## CLOCK-WISE

Zebu, Bude, Deaf, Afro, Road, Adze

## QUIZ OF THE WEEK

**1** Skippy, **2** Auf Wiedersehen, Pet, **3** Wind instrument, **4** 1960s, **5** Keegan, **6** Uruguayan, **7** Erinsborough, **8** Miley Cyrus, **9** Perth, **10** Rod Hull.

## DITLOIDS

**1** Address of the Simpsons: 742 Evergreen Terrace, **2** The 3 Stooges: Moe, Larry and Curly, **3** 30 Days Hath September, April, June and November, **4** July 14 is Bastille Day in France, **5** 4 Galilean Moons of Jupiter, **6** Deuce is 40-All in Tennis

## TRIVIA WORDSEARCH

**1** Chicago, **2** Goneril, **3** Kaley Cuoco, **4** Pevensie, **5** Gadolinium, **6** Brittany, **7** Velvet, **8** Maud Adams, **9** Ray Bradbury, **10** Turmeric

## SUMTHING

7+8=15, 3x5=15, 4x3=12

## SMALL CROSSWORD

**Across: 1** Ploughing, **7** Oars, **8** Pence, **10** Inn, **11** Seesaw, **13** Essential, **14** Became, **16** Sea, **18** Exits, **19** Shoe, **20** Direction.
**Down: 1** Possessed, **2** Latest, **3** Uses, **4** Her, **5** Initial, **6** Gentlemen, **8** Planets, **9** Despair, **12** Bamboo, **15** Cast, **17** Ate.

## CROSS DOUBT

**Across:** FLUSH
**Down:** MARCH

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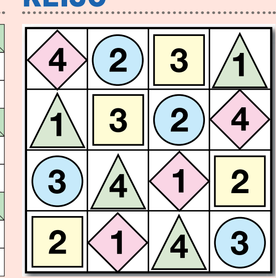
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## BATTLESHIPS

## KAKURO

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## KEIJO



## QUICK CROSSWORD

**Across: 7** Niece, **8** Evasion, **9** Tripoli, **10** Greed, **12** Arbitrates, **15** Trade union, **18** Romeo, **19** Tremble, **21** Portico, **22** Tutor.
**Down: 1** Instructor, **2** Peril, **3** Zero, **4** Gemini, **5** Kangaroo, **6** Liberty, **11** Disappears, **13** Rhetoric, **14** Farmers, **16** Notion, **17** Abate, **20** Eats.

## TARGET

**HARMFULLY**
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# Puzzles

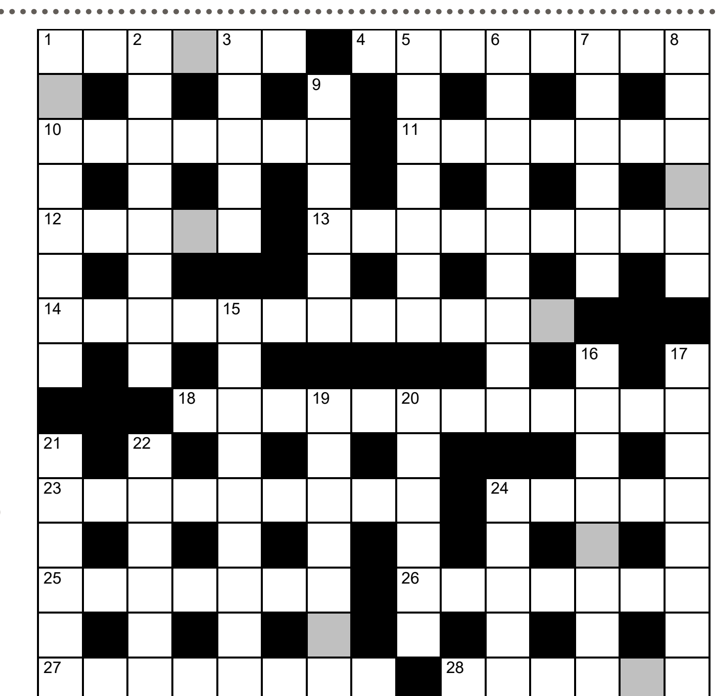
## CRUSADER PRIZE CROSSWORD

**ACROSS**

1 Goodness! Expensive, this writer (4,2)
4 Damage terribly posh eatery (4,4)
10 Initially warmed to that fellow for every snivel (7)
11 Call about one republican being less genuine (7)
12 Angry speech, having lost current business (5)
13 Stupid hate somehow dwindled outside (9)
14 Symbol making Mediterranean islander angry (7,5)
18 Fail, having accident before Durban changes name (5,3,4)
23 Grab sack and ignite (5,4)
24 Tree left next to building (5)
25 Dealing with snack, having prolonged success (2,1,4)
26 Strip consists of a French gown (7)
27 Come down a great deal to continent (4,4)
28 Joined the team (6)

**DOWN**

1 Depressed, on occasion, in inactive period (8)
2 Gallic friend gets telegram showing goodwill (8)
3 Man has planted first tree (5)
5 He trips over fashion follower (7)
6 Dealt with operation on journalist (9)
7 Musical party style (6)
8 Father read about procession (6)
9 Toy dessert (6)
15 Transported other warm creature (9)
16 Ruin tent, cooking a bit of food (8)
17 Expressed keenness, then somehow got employed (8)
19 Protects some military hardware (7)
20 A concert hall in the street (6)
21 Move parchment up and down? (6)
22 The Sound of Music makes an excessive demand (6)
24 Left port fully loaded (5)



**WIN £100 CASH**

**FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN**
Read down the letters in the highlighted squares to reveal the mystery word.

**TO ENTER:** Call **0904 161 3700** (calls cost £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge) and leave your answer and details, or text **DXCRUS** followed by a space, your answer, name and address details to **88833** (texts cost £1.50 plus your standard network rate). Lines close at midnight Saturday. Or send your grid containing the answer in the shaded squares by posting it to: Crusader Crossword, June 17, PO Box 8694, Derby DE1 9TW. Entries must be postmarked by June 18 at the latest. For any postal enquiries, call helpline number. SP: Spoke – 0333 202 3390.
An extra day is given for postal entries during bank holidays.
● *One weekly winner will be the first random correct entry drawn from all entry routes after the closing date of midnight Saturday. Competition runs Sunday to Saturday. The Editor's decision is final.*
**NEED HELP?** Call **0904 161 1609** for 5 extra clues! Calls cost £1.50 plus your telephone company's network access charge.

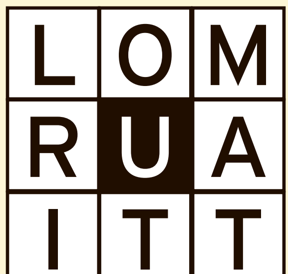
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**LAST THURSDAY'S SOLUTION**
**ACROSS:** 1 Fast-paced, 6 Whet, 10 Rhine, 11 Alleviate, 12 Affront, 13 Marital, 14 Dematerialise, 17 Field hospital, 21 Naively, 22 Thiamin, 24 Petulance, 25 Inure, 26 Rope, 27 Expedient.
**DOWN:** 1 Forwards, 2 Stiff, 3 Peer of the realm, 4 Chatter, 5 Dilemma, 7 Heartbeat, 8 Treble, 9 Oversimplified, 15 Muffin top, 16 Bluntest, 18 Doyenne, 19 On the up, 20 Sniper, 23 Mauve.
**Prizeword:** Triassic

## TARGET




● *The Target uses words in the main body of Chambers 21st Century Dictionary (1999 edition)*

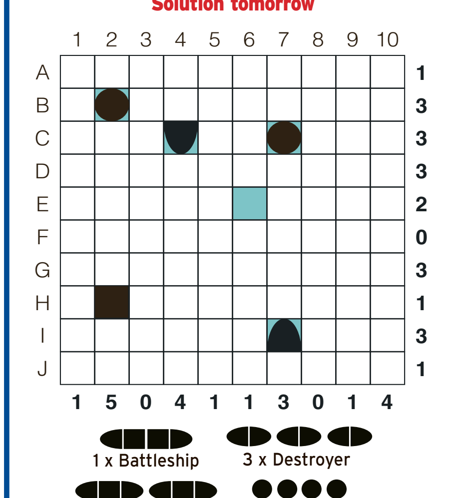
**HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters shown here?**
In making a word, each letter may be used once only. Each must contain the centre letter and there must be at least one nine-letter word. No plurals. Verb forms ending in S permitted.

**TODAY'S TARGET**
**Good** 14; **very good** 21; **excellent** 27 **(or more). Solution tomorrow**

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## BATTLESHIPS

FIND where the fleet of ships shown is hidden in the grid. The numbers to the right of and below the grid indicate how many of the squares in that row are filled in with ships or parts of ships. The ships do not touch each other, even diagonally. Some squares have been filled in to start you off.
**Solution tomorrow**




## THE ALPHABEATER

**TARGET TIME:** 36 minutes

CAN you crack the Alphabeater? Each grid number represents a letter – or black square. As in Alphapuzzle, every letter of the alphabet is used. But you have to complete the grid too! Use the given letters and black squares below the grid to start. The grid is 'rotationally symmetrical' – in other words, it looks the same if you turn the page upside down.
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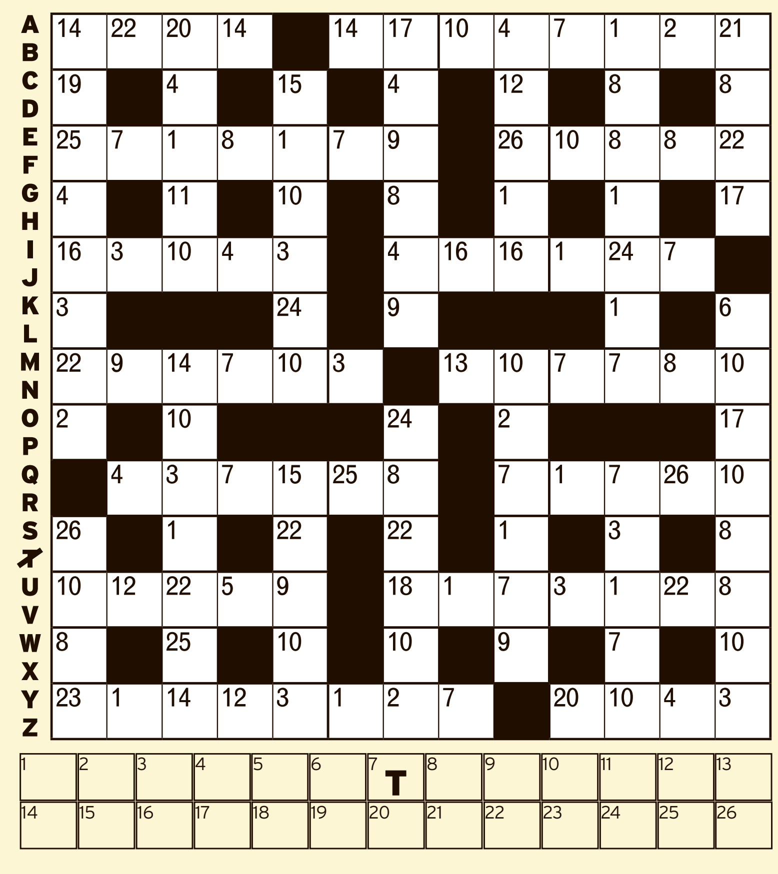
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Answer the clues so that each word contains the same letters as the previous word, plus or minus one.

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6 □□□□ Brace
7 □□□ Knock

## THE ALPHAPUZZLE®

**Alphapuzzle®** tests logic and word power. Each grid number stands for a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. **Solution tomorrow.**
**DIFFICULTY:** 8/10; **TARGET:** 25 mins; **CLUE:** Divided 50 in assembly.



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# EURO 2024

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## Weghorst is quick-fire Dutch hero

| POLAND | 1 |
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| HOLLAND | 2 |

**CODY GAKPO hailed a never-say-die spirit as Holland came from behind to win their opener.**

The Liverpool star levelled after the Dutch had gone behind against Poland before Wout Weghorst was sent on for the last nine minutes – and bagged the winner two minutes later.

"We are a team that never gives up, and we have good substitutes," said Gakpo. "We changed the whole front line and they came in and performed very well. That's a strength.

"My family was here, in the stadium, so that was great. As for the scenes at the end, I cannot describe it. It's an amazing feeling. "

But Gakpo, who was voted player of the match, knew that his side had been put to the test.

"It was a tough match, against a tough opponent," he said.

# WOUT OF THIS WORLD

**PUMPED:** Weghorst celebrates and with Gakpo, inset

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**CHECK HIM WOUT**
Goal hero Weghorst celebrates the victory in front of the Dutch fans

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| 1 | SHOTS OFF TARGET | 13 |
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| 2 | OFFSIDE | 0 |
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**REFEREE:** Artur Soares Dias

**POLAND:** Szczesny 7, Bednarek 6, Salamon 5 (Bereszynski 86) Kiwior 6, Frankowski 7, Zielinski 7 (Piotrowski 78), Romanczuk 6 (Slisz 55, 6)Zalewski 6, Szymanski 5 (Moder 46, 6), Buksa 7, Urbanski 7 (Swiderski 55, 6)

**HOLLAND:** Verbruggen 6, Dumfries 6, De Vrij 6, van Dijk 6, Ake 8 (van de Ven 87), Schouten 7, Veerman 5 (booked), Wijnaldum 62 6), Simons 5 (Malen 62 6), Reijnders 6 Gakpo 7, (Frimpong 81), Depay 6 (Weghorst 81)

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# NETHER SAY

## Fired-up United flop comes off bench to hit winner and give Dutch




FROM **CHARLIE GORDON** in Hamburg

**WOUT WEGHORST was seeing red before rising from the bench to delight the Orange masses.**

Dutch boss Ronald Koeman admitted the Burnley striker was upset at being benched.

But he found the net two minutes into his cameo to seal a vital comeback win for the Dutch. "I try to explain to every individual player the possibilities for starting or coming on in the second half when we need a different player," explained Koeman.

"When I spoke to Wout about his role, he was a little bit upset and that's a good reaction.

"He was upset and doing a lot to get the opportunity to start. That's a great mentality from the player."

Adam Buksa gave the Poles a shock lead early on before goals from Cody Gakpo and super-sub Weghorst turned the dial in Holland's favour.

Weghorst's winner ensured his nation's disjointed performance will be quickly forgotten. He said: "We were dominant in the first half, and were the better team. We created six or seven really good chances. But we have to be more clinical.

"You almost have a feeling. I told (my partner) this morning, it would be a draw, 20 minutes before the end, then I would come on and score. Sometimes, you just feel it."

Holland struggled to take full control of the game without injured midfielders Frenkie de Jong and Teun Koopmeiners.

But the hard-fought result gives them breathing room heading into their two remaining Group D games, against France and Austria.

Anything less than three points would have been a disappointment against a team playing without their injured talisman, Robert Lewandowski.

Poland boss Michal Probierz acknowledged that the Barcelona striker would be a big miss in his side's opening game.

But for all the concern about his absence, it was his replacement who put the Poles in front at Hamburg's Volksparkstadion. Attacking an inswinging corner from the left, Buksa executed the perfect glancing header which flew past Bart Verbruggen and sparked bedlam behind the goal.

Virgil van Dijk's volley forced a smart save from Wojciech Szczesny, and Memphis Depay lashed over from close range as the pre-match favourites looked for an immediate response.

With Koeman waiting patiently for one of his players to convert a chance, Liverpool star Gakpo answered the call in the 29th minute.

A healthy slice of luck was nothing less than his positive performance deserved as he powered towards the box, pulled the trigger from just outside and opened Holland's Euro 2024 account, partly thanks to a big deflection off Bartosz Salamon.

Gakpo could have had a second shortly before the interval, but his poked effort looped over the bar after Nathan Ake's brilliant overlapping run.

As Koeman's men searched for a winner in the second period, Denzel Dumfries flashed a shot wide of the far post just after the hour.

And the noise inside the Volksparkstadion was enough









# DIE a Weg-up

**BUK THE TREND**
Buksa opened the scoring (top left) before Dutch goals from Gakpo and Weghorst



to burst the eardrums when Weghorst turned in Ake's cross.

The former Manchester United flop was mobbed by team-mates before the Oranje grouped together and saw the game out. It was a jubilant end to the match for the crowds who painted the town orange before kick-off.

Weghorst's cameo has raised questions about whether he could be thrown in from the start ahead of Memphis Depay against France on Friday.

Koeman said: "Of course he can start. He's started other games and that's an option.

"We will seewhat the best is for the team, not what the best is for the player.

# KANTASY FOOTBALL

## Team-mates hail return of midfield dynamo who will make France tick

**AUSTRIA v FRANCE**
GROUP D: Dusseldorf Arena
KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

BY **ALEX RICHARDS**

KYLIAN MBAPPE is the undoubted star of the show – but France's forgotten man is back with a point to prove. After 21 months in the international wilderness, N'Golo Kante has returned to the fold... and even has his team-mates running scared.

"I have never seen anything like it, it's horrible, we can't play in training any more," joked striker Marcus Thuram.

"As soon as we have him on our team, we know we have won. I have the impression that there are three of him!"

It was at Euro 2016 that Kante (right) made his competitive debut for Les Bleus, starring in their run to the final on home soil after playing his part in Leicester City's fairytale Premier League triumph.

Two years later, his partnership with Paul Pogba was the platform on which head coach Didier Deschamps built his side as they claimed the World Cup for a second time in Russia.

But the serious hamstring injury that destroyed Kante's final season at Chelsea meant he missed the World Cup in Qatar in 2022. Following his free transfer to Saudi side Al-Ittihad last summer, his international career appeared to be over.

However, Deschamps had questions over which midfield selection gives his side the best balance.

Having seen his side lose to Germany – and concede after just seven seconds – in a March friendly, the manager elected to end Kante's exile. He has started both warm-up matches since.

"For those who had doubts about his abilities and the intensity of play, he is still at the same level," Deschamps said.

While there may be questions over whether, at 33, Kante's lung-bursting abilities are what they once were, his long-time team-mate and former Chelsea pal Olivier Giroud has no doubts. "He has not changed. He is the same player I have known for years," he said.

"He is everywhere. It's great to have him here."

Mbappe, meanwhile, is putting all thoughts of a debut for Real Madrid next season to one side – and is prepared to help France in any way he can.

"I discussed my role with the coach when I joined up with the squad," he revealed.

"He said he might use me in different roles during the competition and to be ready.

"I said I've played in three different roles in my career and done well in all of them, so it's not a problem. I'm ready to give everything to help the team, whether it's up front, on the left or on the bench.

"I'll adapt. We will be defending the colours of our country."



**AUSTRIA:** Pentz, Posch, Lienhart, Trauner, Mwene, Laimer, Seiwald, Wimmer, Sabitzer, Baumgartner, Gregoritsch
**FRANCE:** Maignan, Kounde, Saliba, Upamecano, Hernandez, Griezmann, Kante, Rabiot, Dembele, Thuram, Mbappe

## LAIMER KEEPS IT CLOSE TO HOME

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

KONRAD LAIMER says Austria won't be intimidated by the football royalty in the France line-up when they meet tonight in Dusseldorf.

And he revealed the tournament being so close to home has gived added spice to the country and its fans.

"France have such a great squad with individual talents," said the Bayern Munich midfielder. "If you named every one, we'd speak all evening. But it's not about that. It's about putting our own football on the pitch.

"If we can do that, we can hurt any team. We've prepared for such a long time for this – a Euros in a neighbouring country."

CALL OF DUTY
Euros is a chance for Zabarnyi to keep war in everyone's mind

# WE CANNOT FORGET THE SUFFERING

## Zabarnyi fired up by nation's freedom fight

**ROMANIA v UKRAINE**
GROUP E: Munich Football Arena
TODAY, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

FROM **MARK JONES**

**UKRAINE are determined to use their platform at Euro 2024 to make sure the world does not forget their homeland remains under Russian invasion.**

Having failed to qualify for the World Cup in Qatar, their presence in Germany is being seen by the players as the perfect chance to raise awareness of the horrors back home.

For Bournemouth defender Illya Zabarnyi it is often hard to think about such things, but the 21-year-old says the hostilities can serve as motivation ahead of Ukraine's group-stage opener against Romania in Munich.

"It's a great honour to represent Ukraine," said Zabarnyi, who played 42 times for the Cherries in all competitions last season, and has already amassed 170 senior appearances for club and country.

"You all know the times we are going through now, and I feel incredible responsibility for my actions. When you understand how difficult it is to be there, it is difficult to say the right words."

Despite those difficulties, the young centre-back is impressively composed when he discusses the horror of war and its impact upon the squad, adding that it is impossible not to think about what is happening back home.

"I just want to say thanks to anyone who comes and supports us, and everyone who lets us play, because it is important not only for football in Ukraine but also for all of life," added Zabarnyi, below.

"Every day our country wakes up to alarms and it's so difficult to think about that. Children, women, just civilian people, lots of people die every day and it has to stop.

"We have to thank the warriors who defend our country.

"They are incredible people with their bravery and I'm so grateful to them.

"It is very important for me to think about them.

"It's very difficult when you wake up and wonder what has happened to your friends and to your near and dear at home. You can only wish them safety.

"Of course that can pressurise every one of us but it adds a great motivation to come onto the pitch and do everything possible to win."

Despite those understandable distractions, Zabarnyi is confident the Ukraine squad can make it through the group stage and extend their stay at the finals in Germany.

"We don't have superstars, we just have a really good squad," he said. "The boys are all together and in this moment we're a good team."

Everton defender Vitaliy Mykolenko is set to face a late fitness test.

**ROMANIA:** Moldovan; Burca, Dragusin, Rus, Bancu; M Marin, R Marin, Stanciu; Man, Dragus, Mihaila
**UKRAINE:** Lunin; Konoplia, Zabarnyi, Matviyenko, Zinchenko; Shaparenko, Stepanenko, Sudakov; Tsygankov, Dovbyk, Mudryk
**REF:** G Nyberg (Swe)

## DAD GIVES EDI A GIFT ON FATHER'S DAY

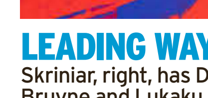
FROM **MARK JONES**

ROMANIA coach Edi Iordanescu had a special Father's Day message from the man who inspired the nation's finest hour on the pitch.

Iordanescu's father Anghel was the coach who memorably took Romania to the quarter-finals of the 1994 World Cup in the USA. He also led them into Euro 96 and the 1998 World Cup, where they beat England, and had two further spells in charge in the 2000s.

When asked if his father had been dispensing any advice ahead of his tournament debut as a coach, Iordanescu jnr, left, said: "Of course I talked to my dad. What he told me is what he's told me before, just go your own way, and believe in your work. Our work has been good because we are here now.

"My dad had four tournaments so he can give me lots of tips, but we have reached this place, so our decisions seem to have been the right ones."



**LEADING WAY** Skriniar, right, has De Bruyne and Lukaku, below, in his sights

# MILAN OUT TO FASHION AN UPSET

## Slovakia skipper relishing De Bruyne challenge



**BELGIUM:** Casteels; Faes, Witsel, De Cuyper; Castagne, Mangala, Onana, Doku; Trossard, Lukaku, De Bruyne
**SLOVAKIA:** Dubravka; Pekarik, Vavro, Skriniar, Hancko; Kucka, Lobotka, Duda; Schranz, Bozenik, Haraslin
**REF:** U Meler (Tur)

**BELGIUM v SLOVAKIA**
GROUP E: Frankfurt Arena
TODAY, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

**MILAN SKRINIAR may captain one of the more unfashionable sides at the tournament but he has seen plenty of 'Hollywood' football in his club career.**

The 29-year-old centre-back spent 18 months at Sampdoria in Serie A before moving to Inter Milan for six seasons.

And last summer he was on the move once more, this time to the City of Love, where he now plays for Paris Saint-Germain.

But even with all his big-club experience, he is itching to get the tournament started to dispel the nerves he has been feeling, as they prepare to go up against some famous names in the Belgium line-up.

Skriniar said: "It's a huge honour for me to be the captain in such a match at the Euros.

"I can't wait for it to start. I feel a little nervous, but that's good, that's how it should be.

"I love football a lot. I'm really looking forward to every game like I'm still a little boy."

But Skriniar knows, that for all the household names in a Belgium team that many think has already missed their best chance of a major tournament success, there is one name on the team sheet that can give any defender nightmares. He said: "How hard will it be to stop Kevin De Bruyne?

"He is a player of enormous quality, but I believe that we will find a recipe for him too and we will be able to create some scoring opportunities.

"I played with Romelu Lukaku for three years, so I know his qualities. We were also in contact now, we messaged each other."

De Bruyne had a low-key season at Manchester City, but that was not helped by a five-month injury absence.

The midfield craftsman said: "Since my return from injury in January, overall it's been good, I've played most of the games and at a good level in my view. So I feel good now, hoping to help Belgium do well in this tournament.

"I feel the team are ready and have a lot of energy to do something good.

"The national team changed after the World Cup, there are plenty of new players. We played well against England and Germany, but the Euros is different."

Slovakia coach, Francesco Calzona, however, is confident his side can cause Belgium problems.

Calzona said: "It's true that Belgium are good on the counter, but we have our own strengths – we can press high up the pitch, but need to do it well. I'm not just worried by Belgium's counters, but all their qualities."




## TEDESCO PREPARATION 'VERY POSITIVE'

BY **KEITH WEBSTER**

BELGIUM may not be as fancied as they have been in recent tournaments but coach Domenico Tedesco is quietly confident they are in good shape.

With Slovakia up first for the Belgians today, Tedesco, right, has had good fitness news from a squad that still has star names. But he can also reflect on a reasonable build-up that included an impressive showing at Wembley in March, when England were saved by Jude Bellingham's last kick of the match in a 2-2 draw.

"I am very happy that we finally start playing," said Tedesco. "We've been through hard work and intense months, and the recent weeks have been very positive. We'll see what is our level during the tournament.

"Jan Vertonghen and Arthur Theate are ready - they participated in the last three training sessions.

"Thomas Meunier will be back in the squad after the game against Romania.

"Axel Witsel will do a late fitness test and could be part of the group, otherwise it will be the next game for him."





**MEMORY PAIN**
Nedim Bajrami arrows in a reminder of the goal Luke Shaw scored in Euro 2020 final (below)



# ALARMED & DANGEROUS

## Italians get the job done after flashback to Euro 2020 final



GROUP B ITALY 2 ALBANIA 1

FROM **MARK JONES** in Dortmund

**ITALY star Federico Chiesa says the shock of being on the end of Albania's fast start in Dortmund gave him flashbacks to facing England in the Euro 2020 final.**

Nedim Bajrami pounced on Federico Dimarco's awful throw-in and fired home the fastest goal in European Championship history after just 23 seconds to stun the holders in front of a raucous crowd dominated by Albania fans.

The goal smashed the previous record for the quickest strike at the Euros, the 67 seconds it took for Russia's Dmitri Kirichenko to score against eventual winners Greece in 2004.

Italy are also responsible for conceding the sixth-fastest goal on that list, Luke Shaw's strike at Wembley after just one minute and 56 seconds which put England in dreamland in the final three years ago.

That joy wouldn't last for the Three Lions with Italy bouncing back to win on penalties.

And man-of-the-match Chiesa (above) – who looked back to his best against Albania after a couple of years of injury troubles – admitted his mind drifted back to that night during that dreadful opening, even if he remained confident.

"I had some flashbacks of the Euro 2020 final," said the Juventus man.

"But we did the same thing against England and Albania – which was to dominate the game."

Italy roared back after that sloppy start and were ahead within 15 minutes with the two goals that would ultimately win them the game, with Alessandro Bastoni (left) heading in from Lorenzo Pellegrini's cross and Nicolo Barella firing home from range.

"I think that early goal also shook us up, as we immediately went on the attack and in my view deserved to score a few more goals," said Chiesa.

"We ran a bit of a risk at the end, at this level anything can happen. That is where we need to improve, killing off games that we are dominating.

"We had to kill it off earlier as anything can happen in Europe. We could've had more vertical passes but the coach wants to keep control of the game.

"This is a good start really, as people tended to act like we were the underdogs, but we had a great performance and are now up against a wonderful team like Spain."

Luciano Spalletti's men will face a confident Spain team in one of the standout games of the group stage in Gelsenkirchen on Thursday night after La Roja defeated Croatia 3-0 in Berlin on Saturday.

## KID'S A LAMINE MACHINE

FROM **ALEX RICHARDS** in Berlin

**HE is the teenage sensation who has left Spain's senior stars purring.**

**And after becoming the youngest player to feature at a European Championship at just 16 years, 338 days, it is easy to see understand the fuss around Lamine Yamal.**

**The Barcelona winger (left) is the embodiment of Luis de la Fuente's new-look Spain.**

**"He is impressing everyone," said De la Fuente. "He will become a wonderful footballer."**

**After Alvaro Morata had opened the scoring in Berlin, Yamal played his part in Spain's second, drawing three Croatia players to him before Fabian Ruiz scored. And on the stroke of half-time, his wicked inswinging cross was met by Dani Carvajal, who slid home.**

**"It's incredible," said Carvajal. "He has a unique talent that's difficult to explain."**

**Ruiz, man of the match on Saturday, added: "It's fantastic he's with us."**



GROUP B SPAIN 3 CROATIA 0

## THIS IS NOT LUKING GOOD

FROM **ALEX RICHARDS**

**LUKA MODRIC has warned his Croatia team-mates that their Euro 2024 hopes are hanging in the balance.**

**World Cup finalists in 2018 and semi-finalists in 2022, Zlatko Dalic's experienced side looked long in the tooth as they conceded three times in 16 first-half minutes. Despite becoming the first side since the Euro 2008 final to have more of the ball in a competitive match than the Spanish - a remarkable run of 136 games - they were ruthlessly punished for defensive errors.**

**"We have two matches to improve and make up for it," said the Croatian captain (left). In the first half, we weren't ourselves. We lacked energy and stood too far from their players and they punished us."**

**Croatia meet Albania in Hamburg on Wednesday and defeat could see them knocked out with a group game to spare.**

**"We no longer have the right to make mistakes," added Modric. "We have to recover and win the upcoming matches."**



# UEFA EURO 2024 RESULTS



## GROUP A
GERMANY · HUNGARY · SCOTLAND · SWITZERLAND



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**SCOTLAND** 1
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**HUNGARY** 1
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**SWITZERLAND** 3
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GERMANY ........
HUNGARY ........
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ........
SWITZERLAND ........
Cologne Stadium
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SWITZERLAND ........
GERMANY ........
Frankfurt Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

SCOTLAND ........
HUNGARY ........
Stuttgart Arena
SUNDAY JUNE 23, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

## GROUP B
SPAIN · ITALY · CROATIA · ALBANIA

**SPAIN** 3
Morata 29, Ruiz 32, Carvajal 45+2
**CROATIA** 0

**ITALY** 2
Bastoni 11, Barella 16
**ALBANIA** 1
Bajrami 1

CROATIA ........
ALBANIA ........
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 19, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

SPAIN ........
ITALY ........
Arena AufSchalke
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

CROATIA ........
ITALY ........
Leipzig Stadium
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

ALBANIA ........
SPAIN ........
Düsseldorf Arena
MONDAY JUNE 24, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)





## GROUP C
SLOVENIA · DENMARK · SERBIA · ENGLAND

**SLOVENIA** 1
Janza 77
**DENMARK** 1
Eriksen 17

**SERBIA** 0
**ENGLAND** 1
Bellingham 13

SLOVENIA ........
SERBIA ........
Munich Football Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 2PM (ITV)

DENMARK ........
ENGLAND ........
Frankfurt Arena
THURSDAY JUNE 20, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

ENGLAND ........
SLOVENIA ........
Cologne Stadium
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

DENMARK ........
SERBIA ........
Munich Football Arena
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)





## GROUP D
POLAND · AUSTRIA · HOLLAND · FRANCE



**POLAND** 1
Buksa 16
**HOLLAND** 2
Gakpo 29, Weghorst 83

AUSTRIA ........
FRANCE ........
Düsseldorf Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

POLAND ........
AUSTRIA ........
Olympiastadion Berlin
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

HOLLAND ........
FRANCE ........
Leipzig Stadium
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)



HOLLAND ........
AUSTRIA ........
Olympiastadion Berlin
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

FRANCE ........
POLAND ........
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TUESDAY JUNE 25, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)





## GROUP E
BELGIUM · ROMANIA · SLOVAKIA · UKRAINE

ROMANIA ........
UKRAINE ........
Munich Football Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM ........
SLOVAKIA ........
Frankfurt Arena
TODAY, JUNE 17, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)

SLOVAKIA ........
UKRAINE ........
Düsseldorf Arena
FRIDAY JUNE 21, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

BELGIUM ........
ROMANIA ........
Cologne Stadium
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)



SLOVAKIA ........
ROMANIA ........
Frankfurt Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

UKRAINE ........
BELGIUM ........
Stuttgart Arena
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)





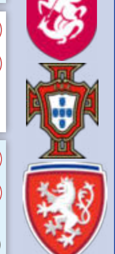
## GROUP F
TURKEY · PORTUGAL · GEORGIA · CZECH REP

TURKEY ........
GEORGIA ........
BVB Stadion Dortmund
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 5PM (BBC)

PORTUGAL ........
CZECH REP ........
Leipzig Stadium
TOMORROW, JUNE 18, KICK-OFF 8PM (BBC)

GEORGIA ........
CZECH REP ........
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 2PM (BBC)

TURKEY ........
PORTUGAL ........
BVB Stadion Dortmund
SATURDAY JUNE 22, KICK-OFF 5PM (ITV)



CZECH REP ........
TURKEY ........
Volksparkstadion Hamburg
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

GEORGIA ........
PORTUGAL ........
Arena AufSchalke
WEDNESDAY JUNE 26, KICK-OFF 8PM (ITV)

## GROUP A TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Germany | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 3 |
| Switzerland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Hungary | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 |
| Scotland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 0 |

## GROUP B TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Spain | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 3 |
| Italy | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Albania | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |
| Croatia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 | 0 |

## GROUP C TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| England | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 3 |
| Denmark | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Slovenia | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Serbia | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 |

## GROUP D TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Holland | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Austria | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| France | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Poland | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0 |

## GROUP E TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Belgium | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Slovakia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Romania | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ukraine | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## GROUP F TABLE

| | P | W | D | L | F | A | Pts |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Turkey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Georgia | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Portugal | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Czech rep | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

## ROUND OF 16

GAME 37 1A V 2C
BVB Stadion Dortmund SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

GAME 38 2A V 2B
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JUNE 29, KICK-OFF 5PM (Berlin)

GAME 39 1B V 3A/D/E/F
Cologne Stadium SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 8PM (Cologne)

GAME 40 1C V 3D/E/F
Arena AufSchalke SUNDAY JUNE 30, KICK-OFF 5PM (Gelsenkirchen)

GAME 41 1F V 3A/B/C
Frankfurt Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 8PM (Frankfurt)

GAME 42 2D V 2E
Düsseldorf Arena MONDAY JULY 1, KICK-OFF 5PM (Dusseldorf)

GAME 43 1E V 3A/B/C/D
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 5PM (Munich)

GAME 44 1D V 2F
Leipzig Stadium TUESDAY JULY 2, KICK-OFF 8PM (Leipzig)

## QUARTER-FINALS

GAME 45 W39 V W37
Stuttgart Arena FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 5PM (Stuttgart)



GAME 46 W41 V W42
Volksparkstadion Hamburg FRIDAY JULY 5, KICK-OFF 8PM (Hamburg)

GAME 47 W43 V W44
Olympiastadion Berlin SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)



GAME 48 W40 V W38
Düsseldorf Arena SATURDAY JULY 6, KICK-OFF 5PM (Düsseldorf)

## SEMI-FINALS

GAME 49 W45 V W46
Munich Football Arena TUESDAY JULY 9, KICK-OFF 8PM (Munich)

GAME 50 W47 V W48
BVB Stadion Dortmund WEDNESDAY JULY 10, KICK-OFF 8PM (Dortmund)

## FINAL







GAME 51 WINNER 49 V WINNER 50
Olympiastadion Berlin SUNDAY JULY 14, KICK-OFF 8PM (Berlin)








**ORANJE BOOM** Van Basten's incredible volley stunned Russia and became iconic goal

# SIMPLY THE BAST

## Magical Marco's wonder goal showed Dutch were total class

**USSR 0 HOLLAND 2**
Euro 1988 final: Olympic Stadium, Munich, Saturday, June 25

**IT was one of those 'where were you' moments.**

One of those 'off your couch' moments.

One of those 'did that really just happen' moments.

When Marco Van Basten shaped to shoot from an impossible angle, perhaps not even he could imagine he was about to create an iconic football image, forever frozen in time, to be cherished and revered.

Better still, and somewhat fittingly given its style, it was a goal that clinched the only major trophy won by a nation which gave the world Total Football.

There didn't appear to be much on when Arnold Muhren lofted a hopeful cross to the far right side of the box.

And Van Basten (right with the trophy) had no chance to shoot, far less score, as the ball dropped out of the sky.

But shoot he did, connecting with one of the all-time great volleys to smash a thunderous strike over stunned Russian keeper Rinat Dasayev.

Coming after Ruud Gullit's headed opener, Van Basten's spectacular volley effectively killed off the Soviet challenge.

And it had legendary Dutch coach Rinus Michels off the bench clutching his face in disbelief.

AC Milan ace Van Basten hadn't even started the tournament, playing second fiddle to John Bosman, Holland's top scorer in qualifying.

But after losing in their opener, a 1-0 defeat to the Soviet Union side they would beat in the final, Holland brought in Van Basten and never looked back.

They played the final with the kind of swagger and verve they had shown from that moment on.

Everyone remembers that Dutch team for the jazzy orange shirts, still a collector's item today, and the stellar play of Milan trio Gullit, Van Basten and Frank Rijkaard.

But it is Van Basten's goal that will live longest in the memory, and regularly comes up in compilations of the best ever scored.

"You need a lot of luck with a shot like that," he said later, with typical modesty. "Everything went well. It is one of those things that sometimes just happens."

It was a fitting end to the competition for a glittering side full of stars, with Ronald Koeman, Jan Wouters and Hans van Breukelen joining Holland's Big Three in the team of the tournament.

They had done it the hard way too, by beating host nation West Germany, their conquerors in the 1974 World Cup final, in a real grudge match of a semi-final which Michels later called "the real final".